



Draft Green Wedge Management Plan

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.'

Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The vision must take into account, that we are Land owners in the Green Wedge and we are being bullied by overzealous Greenies. We pay for the betterment of our properties, we improve the land, we plant to attract birds and wildlife, we supply water, we keep our properties in good order. We vshould not be burdened with huge permit costs to have Nillumbik Council decide whether we can carry out animal husbandry, agricultural production, and have the greenies decide to try and outlaw hard hooved animals on our own land. What we can plant , how we can fence, what colours or style of building, what garden beds we can have. These people pushing this live in suburban blocks and often don't manage to keep their own properties in good order. We are very fire prone and should be allowed to clear our land of EG: petrol bush which set some properties into raging fire storms...and life and property loss. I could go on and on, I am so sick of bullies telling us how to live and use OUR land. We are environmentally aware holders of our land We are totally in support of PALS views, and want you Nillumbik Shire Councillors to take note of PALS submission.

Five Key Moves

The five Key Moves below outline organisational changes for the long-term to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan.

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2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A “Green Wedge Conversations” program.
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5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Recognize rural activities and hobby farms as legitimate uses on Green Wedge Private land. Make sure C81 and C101 are never implemented over our land again. So unfair and so Nazi like in its rulings.

Principles

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- Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape
- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of

the Green Wedge Management Plan?

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Enshrine Post DisasterEG: homes and sheds lost in Bushfire or flooding to be allowed to rebuild without the cost of permits or denial of rebuild. Must never happen again. Safety and well being needs to be considered by not putting onerous overlays upon us landowners. We farmers and landowners love our properties and look after them wisely and our flora and fauna, this is part of our well being.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I support provided we do not see the likes of Friends of Nillumbik take control of what happens in our Community. Their decisions have also cost people and the Nillumbik Shire thousands of Dollars and much terrible grief and heartache.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

We must have fire prevention as of high importance.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

C86 must be removed it was carried out illegally...and has caused so much harm. V Cat took it as a given when there was no Community consultation and was not legitimate. I and my Husband cannot attend this meeting to speak as we are going through a traumatic time with ill Health.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

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The bulk of these are not to do with the Green wedge at all,

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

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40 people panel some of them initially knowing little of the Green Wedge provided Council with recommendations. 5 of these got a second chance to offer a dissenting view. This was then massaged by "Council Values" ?????? the arrive at the Draft Plan. It is very little to do with the GW and more with Council Admin

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This isn't a vision. It's a plan of destruction.

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Strongly do not support

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Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Please reinstate the existing plan. This plan does not reflect my, or my fellow Nillumbik residents', values and wishes, nor will it protect one of Melbourne's most important Green Wedges.

There are no attempts to do anything about climate change. As a community that is at

greater risk of bushfires, and fatalities, and which knows the devastation and heartbreak these bring only too well, as well as destruction of biodiversity, due to climate change, this is a major failing.

The proposed Green Wedge zone must not be supported. The RCZ must stay.

There must be no 'buffer zones' between the RCZ and UGB. The UGB is a boundary, not a buffer.

Any buffer will compromise the integrity of RCZ land and its environmental values.

I am particularly concerned at the proposal to not require permits for some activities. I do not support this.

As a long term Nillumbik resident, it is concerning that a document such as this was even put to the community.

Please reinstate the existing plan. Go back to the drawing board and - please - this time reflect our wishes, instead of trying to railroad us into becoming yet another urban council.

This plan will not achieve anything positive for our Green Wedge or for our Shire - the Green Wedge Shire.

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

As a resident of the Nillumbik Shire for 45 years I congratulate Nillumbik and the person(s) who worked so hard to produce such comprehensive documentation. I love the recognition of a need to demonstrate respect, collaboration, integrity, adaptability and to build relationships within and between communities.

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Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

How would it feel, as a member of the council, to be responsible for:

expediting the decline in biodiversity of the Shire especially given the rare and endangered species present?

discovering that the changes you allowed to the Green Wedge Management Plan were the opposite of the world trend to protect and sustain the world we live in?

not being able to cope with a disaster of magnitude because you didn't put sufficient effort into building resilience, planning for cybersecurity breaches and building the health and wellness of your constituents?

allowing the merge with another Shire, thereby weighting the urban interest in development so much that Nillumbik, as the residents value it now, became unrecognisable or disappeared?

creating the same problems which exist in the rural/urban interface, in the environmental overlay areas by putting a trail through them?

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Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The principles that informed the draft Plan highlight Council's commitment to having stewardship of the current Shire of Nillumbik, in true partnership with its communities. I imagine Council recognises that to change the boundaries to include more of the urban interface would be detrimental to those principles because it would change what this consultation says residents value about the current Shire.

The precautionary principle is very important. Where information is unclear we must think of the land first.

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Would like to see the Off setting concept made practical but in favour of not removing old trees and other vegetation where possible. an example where this has not been handled and needs to be addressed is along Henley Rd where roadside vegetation has

been obliterated by works performed recently.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

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Strongly support

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Support

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as long as they are sustainable practices, climate change science and don't create further emissions

Potential for equine therapy as a business?

Environmental education as a business partnership?

Concern about increased tourism without roads to support it.

A4.2 could conflict with 3.3 and 3.5

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management

Plan?

What must not change

This plan addressing collaboration, partnerships, volunteering, protecting biodiversity, a sustainable future and what this plan says people value about the current Shire

Peace and tranquility

Open Space and fresh air

A diversity of land use that supports a sustainable future

Valuing our history (and as a unique Shire with forward thinking councillors)

Cross discipline conferring to produce informed decision making

Government funding biodiversity maintenance and enhancement and renewable energy projects

Respect for privacy and recognition that we can't do whatever we like to the land - it has needs too.

What Must Change

Increase the range of consultation and collaboration using skilled facilitators

Emphasis on addressing the need for residents to reduce emissions, reuse, recycle and, where trust is earned, share

Education to enhance understanding of the Key Inputs from the consultation

Level of infrastructure improved to support and sustain our villages or create hubs where the need is identified by communities

Social equity- Restoring the quality of life of those struggling to find housing, food, a sense of belonging and a feeling of being useful

Building standards and codes to include 10 star rating (not gained through appliances) which includes capacity to withstand cyclone-type winds and maybe, basements in new regulations

Recommendations:

01.5 Shire investigate The Common and the Nightingale project for a housing model.

There are many challenges in evaluating and balancing the tasks across departments to ensure all fit with the values, principles and objectives and actions. I wonder if creating a rubric with colours indicating not started, in progress and completed, for each department, could demonstrate to residents the progress of each toward this plan.

In conclusion I applaud the action which will promote conversations to promote our shared understanding that whilst we have different views we have many common objectives and foster the stewardship of this wonderful place.

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Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Subject to these comments

Key Move 1 - A landowners' information and support service must be just that, it should fully support landowners in the work they do and efforts they make to manage the land they own in the Green Wedge.

Key Move 2 - A whole organisation approach will be good, however, it must also ensure that all Council officers comply with strategies and directions to the benefit of all.

Key Move 3 - Conversations should be truly open and beneficial should have a true balance of participants and not be able to be manipulated by small interest groups has been the case on many occasions to date.

Key Move 4 - For townships to survive they need to be managed well and fairly and supported by all without undue influence from small but loud alternative interest groups.

Key Move 5 - This is a good idea and should be an ongoing commitment to the community by Council.

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Leadership - Respect for and listening to views from people across the community rather than just small, activist groups who talk the loudest, push their own agenda to the detriment of others and appear to have influence within Council that goes beyond what should be acceptable. Integrity within Council and its officers when dealing with individuals or groups from the community. Landowners act with integrity and collaborate to get things done, by working with facts and quantifiable detail to ensure they succeed, as opposed to green and other activist groups in and out of the Shire who push their ideologies and spread misinformation to get what they want to other detriment. To be successful we need to accept that change is inevitable and adapt with embrace that change.

Whole of Shire approach - The urban community should not control what rural residents do on their land. Rural landowners are responsible stewards of the landscape and this must be acknowledged and, within the framework of a successful GWMP, be supported through proper inclusion, targeting and delivery.

Manage change - The green wedge is in a perpetual state of change and challenges must be dealt with in a responsible way. The pathway to manage change is to acknowledge all those that contribute and value participation which results in a healthy landscape into the future. This does not currently occur as green activists assume the only way is to reject and hold back change and adaptability by the irresponsible policies of locking up the land and removing the human footprint.

Celebrate local identity and the landscape - My family live on land that has been farmed by five generations of our family since the 1870's. We have loved, maintained, managed and protected it for all that time through various agricultural activities. For much of the past four decades we have been impacted, often adversely, by local activists who seem intent on controlling use of property and the lives of people around them. It is time this stopped, the green activists who have had far too much influence for so many years never ask us about what we do but instead make presumptions coloured by their ideology, spread misinformation, are at the least ill-informed, disparage anyone with land as developers and at worst simply lie to get their way.

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Locking up the land and letting nature takeover again, has been tried throughout the state and has failed, and this failure is evidenced in large fires that have ravaged our national parks. We have seen for decades policies of locking up the bush and not clearing roadsides to make them safe escape routes in a bushfire. Locking up the land is not a solution, landowners in the Shire manage their land and

create a healthy landscape that can keep us all safe.

Conserve and enhance our heritage - As a sixth generation resident of the area our heritage is in my DNA, that includes natural heritage and built heritage. We must value what our area has been to residents over generations, educate the community about what they have preserved and built for us so that we can continue on with that work in preserving our area for the future.

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Remove all reference to the precautionary principle as the term and its application has been abused for decades as an inappropriate catch-all phrase to refuse permits when all else fails. There are a great number of highly qualified experts, Agencies and consultants that can provide detailed and methodical analysis for any given situation. Let the experts determine what is acceptable and remove ill-informed and unqualified planners and activists the ability to refuse or reject on no valid grounds or the wishful motherhood principle of refusal based on the "you might be held accountable if something adverse happens or some-one dies".

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Subject to these comments

- We need strong and continued engagement as the GWMP is being implemented. Landowners must be valued, included and recognised. Landowners already make a huge contribution to the living landscape and receive no assistance or real recognition that the face of the Nillumbik green wedge is there because we are, the community needs to know this.
- The punitive approach by Council towards rural landowners that has prevailed for decades must cease for the GWMP to be successful.
- Establish lawful authority for landowners to undertake bushfire mitigation works on their own properties, as well as along the road verges adjacent to their properties, without the need for a planning permit. The only access to my property is a 300m driveway to the NNW, and as that is the usual trajectory of a fire in this area it is vital that my only

escape route is clear enough for my family to leave safely.

- Current zoning (RCZ) is not fit for purpose as applied to existing properties, infrastructure and enterprises. The RCZ was introduced to satisfy green activist groups who, improperly, dictate Government policy. The Nillumbik RCZ is not consistent with the principles of a green wedge and is the only application of an RCZ within a green wedge in Victoria.

- The GWMP should advocate and pursue a planning scheme amendment to change the current RCZ to the fit for purpose Green Wedge Zone (GWZ). A GWZ still satisfies all of the requirements that currently exist in relation to a successful green wedge and a healthy landscape, but properly incorporates a more realistic understanding that people should and do legitimately live within the green wedge and within the landscape.

- The GWMP should acknowledge that the term "small lots" is inappropriate, misleading and not applicable for any existing title. Any application to council for any purpose should not be assessed on its area, rather it should be assessed on its merits irrespective of the land area. No policy position has been espoused in the draft GWMP with respect to the above issue. The final GWMP should either, state that it forms no position, or, that the term, in isolation, is irrelevant and will not be used as a means of refusal.

- Improved mobile coverage and elimination of black spots should be a high priority. It is unimaginable that, within the most fire prone area on Earth, Nillumbik still contains these black spots. This a damning indictment on Government (from either side of politics).

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

A healthy landscape promotes wellbeing.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Subject to these comments

- A healthy environment requires realistic fire mitigation and the importance of the Nillumbik Bushfire Mitigation Strategy is crucial to the success of the GWMP. The BMS should take precedence over the GWMP and this needs to be defined in the GWMP.

- The proposed stock takes of assets may be worthwhile but has the potential to be used as a repository for information against landowners. Given the current council [REDACTED] and environmental officer attitudes towards landowners when making permit

applications, this type of information library could deliver an increased opportunity for invasive and irrelevant application assessment and be used as a means to impose more excessive controls and requirements.

- There must be an 'as of right to rebuild' in the case of disaster, particularly bushfire. There is a moral obligation and duty of care that is incumbent on Council to minimize the stress and trauma that such a loss can impose on the people, both directly and indirectly affected. "Council supports the premise that people should be able to rebuild" is not enough, the current regime is prohibitive, negative and counter-productive and needs to change. To suggest that "the planning and building controls are in place so that the design and siting of replacement buildings reduce future risks to the occupants, not repeat them. This may mean that another location on the property is a better option to address fire risk" is unacceptable. Those who have lost their home and other buildings should automatically be allowed to rebuild in the same location, not jump through hoops for years waiting for an outcome only to be dragged off to VCAT by objectors and green activist groups and further punitive costs and delays.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Subject to these comments

The GWMP will only be successful if there is a prosperous economy supporting the community that lives within the green wedge.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Subject to these comments

Governance and Engagement - To be successful Council needs to demonstrate that council officers can genuinely work with landowners and not against them. Landowners need to be able to trust they will be listened to and their views respected and that they meet with a co-operative approach and not an adversarial one.

Land Use Planning - The GWMP should advocate strongly to rezone the green wedge as a GWZ – as is the situation with every other green wedge in the State. Land zoned GWZ retains the ability to properly protect environmentally sensitive areas, whilst being more realistic in relation to existing dwellings and infrastructure as well as enterprise.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Appendix 1 of Council's draft quotes the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' In addition the 2010 GWMP, recent community panel and the recent community engagement clearly reflect that maintenance, protection and enhancement of the Green Wedge is a first tier priority for the vast majority of Nillumbik residents. Council's draft plan does not clearly state, address and prioritise this key mandate for environmental protection and reinvigoration.

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Whilst I support-in-principle some of the Five Key Moves there needs to be a much greater level of detail. In addition it is imperative that the action to be taken provide a clear directive, and each of these must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of all native vegetation and fauna across the Shire. Every descriptor needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity for the long term. "Information and support service", "whole of organisation approach" and "forum to discuss" are not adequate over-arching key moves as they do not specify actionable and accountable tasks, or in fact that any action at all needs to be taken. " The current GWMP 2010 - 2025 describes in much greater detail (than the new draft) the ways Council and community will ensure the protection of the green wedge. However there has been consistent net loss of vegetation. This demonstrates that any new plan must be stronger and clearer about the actions which will be taken to reverse this ongoing decline. The draft GWMP does not achieve this. The current GWMP aims align better with the recommendations of the community panel and feedback from community engagement than the new drafts key moves. A deviation towards the draft key moves and away from the current GWMP aims would be a clear backwards step in councils responsibilities to its constituents and the state governments Green Wedge framework.

Principles

The following principles informed the creation of the Green Wedge Management Plan and will inform how the goals, objectives and key actions are to be implemented.

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- Leadership
- Aboriginal voice
- A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to

Metropolitan Melbourne

- Manage change for future benefit
- Collaboration and connectedness
- Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape
- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment. Again there is no clearly defined strategy for implementation, and these principles are often not elaborated on at all within the plan. The Principles need to reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge. The GWMP plan must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritised in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.' An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity, and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. As with the 'Five Key Moves', the outlined Principles contain potentially useful ideas but there needs to be greater emphasis on the protection of the environment. For example, the principle that says, 'The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its values and with a focus on long-term stewardship.' could read, "The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its biodiversity and environmental values and with a focus on long-term stewardship." Again the current GWMP contains more clearly definable and accountable principles that better align with the communities priorities as reflected in recent community engagement and panel recommendations.

The first Green Wedge priority of conserve and enhance biodiversity and environment is clearly stated in the current principles. Neither biodiversity or environment are headlines in the draft proposal again highlighting the lack of appropriate emphasis on this cherished key Green Wedge element.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The Goal 1 initiative, to engage the community, is important. But it must also highlight the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared Nillumbik was to be "a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus". The context for the shires primary goal and mandate needs to be kept at the forefront. The plan must state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to those in an area not established as a Green Wedge. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land. This needs to be clearly stated and emphasised, as we ask ourselves, 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?', rather than 'What can we get out of the land?'. The plan needs to address community engagement and connectivity around Green Wedge specific issues such as maintaining and encouraging biodiversity and natural environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also

because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of all indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it throughout the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that all is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise. Goal 3 repeatedly uses the language of 'balance', and this needs to be amended as it indicates that our thinking is oppositional. It implies that there is a need to trade-off environmental health against other considerations, while international, national, and state government reports indicate that we must prioritise the health of our environment. For example, A3.12, p 33, speaks of balancing amenity, environmental considerations, private water extraction and community considerations. What needs to take place is a prioritisation of environmental considerations, as without optimal environmental health, all other activity and considerations will be constrained. The use of stocktakes and studies [see A3.1, p32] that describe some areas of vegetation as more significant or valuable than others is alarming as it can lead to greater degradation of the environment which is already under pressure. The majority of the Shire's ecosystems are already 'disturbed' because of mismanagement, and this means we must change our ways. Every Objective and Action ought to aim for preservation and reinvigoration of the environment. One of the greatest threats to the Shire is 'death by a thousand cuts', where bit by bit land clearing and grazing leave our flora and fauna vulnerable to ever-increasing stress and disappearance. In turn this also places greater pressure on our community's overall well being. An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming, Indigenous knowledge, and value indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The draft suggests that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) no permit should be required if the land has been previously cleared and used for farming. This definition of 'cleared land' needs greater detail – much of Nillumbik has been cleared at some stage, but thanks to regeneration it holds significant environmental qualities. Permits are essential as they can ensure any agricultural activities respect the land. It also means that residents will be informed about the piggery etc proposed for next door. The permit process allows for suitable new agribusiness whilst ensuring this does not come at a cost to the Green Wedge, its community and its environment.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. Responsible Leadership should have a section dealing with climate change mitigation in accordance with the precautionary principle. This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). Key Action A5.6 and A5.7 [page 40 of the draft] propose changes to how land within the Green Wedge can be used. This has the potential to erode the values of the Green Wedge and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The UGB must be treated as a hard boundary. The Victorian government developed the UGB policy to remove the potential for incremental change to the boundary. In particular the

land designated as RCZ is specified to prioritise conservation and enhancement of the landscape ahead of residential development and plays a key role in protecting the Green Wedge from detrimental urban sprawl. In addition the minimum lot subdivision size must be enforced as another fundamental requirement for fire security and environment protection in RCZ and rural areas. The GWMP needs to recognise the leading role that Nillumbik can play; that we can be part of the solution, acting locally to address global problems. We're a relatively affluent population. Nillumbik is the perfect place to start turning things around. If not here and now, where and when?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this. There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge. Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global". The impact of invasive species – flora and fauna – is significant and this must be better addressed. The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role. The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation. It is necessary that we uphold the highest of professional standards throughout the Shire and its Leadership. Many of the challenges faced by Nillumbik and its residents as listed in the draft will be accentuated by changes to the UGB or re-classification of RCZ areas. In addition re-classification of RCZ areas to allow residential development would conflict with the state governments UGB requirements. RCZ re-classification to allow more lenient land usage would also increase strain on the UGB boundary exacerbating the impacts of agricultural land usage right next to residential properties. The current GWMP lists a 2030 vision displaying the forward thinking attitudes and long term foresight that the draft plan does not. The community panel also strongly recommended the need for future thinking to ensure actions take now are not short-sighted and destined to adversely affect Nillumbik in the years to come. The draft

plan is lacking in both these areas, the current GWMP is a much more suitable plan for the sustainable long term prosperity and enhancement of the Green Wedge. As a professional working young couple my husband and I are prime examples of desirable residents for the area, bringing in higher disposable incomes, requiring few costly community services and an increase in population diversity balancing out the additional costs of elderly and families with young kids. The Green Wedge is what attracted us to the area, and ultimately determined where we purchased (within a RCZ). Re-zoning and reducing these protected areas will turn away valuable members of the community whose goals and interests align with the Green Wedge and the community that supports it, instead bringing in residents with increased costly needs and posing further challenges in land usage and environment care for council. Thank you for your time in reading my submission.

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Not sure

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

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Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

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No

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Climate breakdown poses the greatest long-term threat to the preservation of the Green Wedge. As the world's top scientific bodies (including the IPCC) have identified, drastic and immediate action is required for the world to reach net zero emissions and prevent a catastrophic 2 degrees of global warming. Mitigating climate breakdown must be an overarching Goal for the GWMP and therefore must be an integral part of the Vision. This is not reflected by the Draft. The Green Wedge Management Plan cannot adequately protect Nillumbik's Green Wedge without a comprehensive plan to contribute to the prevention catastrophic climate breakdown, by acknowledging the current climate emergency and completely transitioning the shire's power generation to 100% renewable energy within the 10-year period of the Plan.

Efforts to mitigate climate breakdown must inform all the Plan's objectives and actions, such as regenerative agriculture to draw down carbon from the atmosphere, fire management, creating a carbon neutral economy and broader economic strategy, and protecting our native forests from logging to ensure crucial carbon sequestration is continued. Climate breakdown mitigation must inform all Council policy.

Simply "adapting to climate change" as the Plan constantly refers to will not protect the

Green Wedge. Protecting the Green Wedge from a dangerous and unstable climate will not be possible unless governmental bodies around the world, including the Council, take strong leadership to reach net zero carbon emissions. As the world's top scientific bodies have identified in Trajectories of the Earth System, unless such leadership and stewardship of the earth is taken, the human activities will cause catastrophic climate breakdown by passing the point of no return: the 2 degrees Celsius of global warming tipping point. Crossing this tipping point would lead to up to 6 degrees of warming, which the World Bank has identified as "beyond adaptation".

The GWMP must acknowledge that mitigating climate breakdown is essential to the prosperity of the Green Wedge. It is essential that the Green Wedge Management Plan emphasises the dire need for Nillumbik Council to be strong climate leaders, and for Council's policies to always prioritise the achievement of net zero emissions within 10 years, while taking measures to adapt to unavoidable climate breakdown impacts. The GWMP Vision does not state strongly enough the foremost importance of environmental protection and invigoration, nor does it reflect strongly enough the deep cherishment that Nillumbik residence have for the high environmental values of the Green Wedge (as clearly demonstrated by the Council's initial community engagement). The GWMP must reflect that Nillumbik's Green Wedge remaining the most environmentally intact of Melbourne's Green Wedges is highly beneficially for everyone in and around Nillumbik, and for the mitigation of climate breakdown.

It is of vital importance that Nillumbik demonstrates respect of Indigenous peoples, their traditional ownership of the land, their cultural heritage, and their deep knowledge. This barely gets a mention in the GWMP despite the fact that Indigenous people have ensured the vitality of the area's biodiversity for tens of thousands of years. The Green Wedge Management Plan and its Vision must place greater emphasis on specifically deeply listening to, and consulting with, the Traditional Owners of the land, and taking action on their advice.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree
Key Move 2 - Disagree
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Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Council did not follow Planning Practice Note 31, under State Government policy, properly. Mitigation of climate breakdown must be key move for the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur. This Draft does not include the level of detail that the current Green Wedge Management Plan includes. The current GWMP should be used as a basis for improvement, but with stronger detail added to describe the specific 'actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation.' As the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31 states. The current (2010-2025) GWMP has failed to protect native vegetation and forests (such as the forests in Kinglake), and the new GWMP must right this with strong and specific actions to be taken.

Policy change, climate leadership from Council, and practical action to stop carbon emissions are necessary to protecting the Green Wedge, its residents, and more. Conversations will not prevent catastrophic breakdown. The GWMP must clearly articulate in detail the practical implementation and ACTIONS to be taken to mitigate climate breakdown as a Key Move.

While the Five Key Moves contain ideas that are potentially helpful to protecting the environment, they still do not emphasise caring for the natural environment as the number one priority of Nillumbik Council – the GWMP must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation and fauna across the Shire.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

We have disagreed due to lack of specificity in these Principles. The Principles must be more specific in how they will be applied to care for the environment, as in the Draft they are broad statements. The Principles must reflect the community's strong commitment to protecting the Green Wedge, and the importance of young peoples' involvement in protecting the environment through leading conversations about climate mitigation, and being able to practically care for and maintain the land.

It is essential that that GWMP includes the Principle of a safe climate, and thereby prioritises mitigating climate breakdown. The GWMP must also reflect the need for council policy to reflect the recommendations and risk assessments of climate scientists or researchers.

The Principle of Aboriginal Voice does not meaningfully convey the need for consultation with Traditional Owners of the land, especially in matters to do with environmental action, and does not convey the need respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their voices and knowledge. The Principle of Social Equity also does not provide a clear guideline for inclusion of diverse peoples in projects and actions taken to protect the environment, as it should.

A Principle that focuses on the Preservation of Biodiversity and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan.

While the ideas of the Principles are useful if implemented in the right way, the vagueness of the Principles allows room for climate mitigation, preserving biodiversity, proper social equity and enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice to not be properly implemented in policy.

In regards to the recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne, these principles must be based on protecting the Green Wedge and, rather than try and amalgamate with the metropolitan Melbourne, embrace and flourish the positive natural differences we have.

In particular, the "accountability" and "transparency" detailed in the Leadership section are integral to this plan and should never lose key importance. All decisions must be kept accountable to the preservation, growth, and flourishing of the green wedge, and the global responsibility this flourishing of the green wedge contains in subduing the climate crisis. Transparency is a vital step to ensure accountability is held, as the community voice must have a hand through each step and decision.

Collaboration and connectedness is also essential. As a voice representing the youth, we find that our role as the future of this land and community is of immense importance. Consideration of the future that each decision will bring about is necessary in order to express that the perspective of each and every member of the youth is represented fully.

Reiterating that the climate crisis is all encompassing and therefore all issues in the Green Wedge are enveloped by the climate crisis, and dependent on it being countered.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The general aim of the goal is good, seeking to support those living in rural areas, however there is a severe lack of emphasis on direct protection and regenerate of the Green Wedge. This is important for obvious reasons, but it would also provide opportunity for the creation and growth of groups who seek to have more of a positive effect on the growth of the Green Wedge (such as ourselves). If such action was proposed in the plan, everyday member of the community would theoretically be more

aware of such groups, with the knowledge that they could have an impact on their local environment, should they decide to join one of them. More emphasis should also be placed on the Green Wedge's critical role in protecting the environment, especially in reducing carbon emissions, again, focusing on raising awareness in this area would further perpetuate its protection both politically as well as in a more hands-on way via community action. More detail should be added into the plan when it comes to focusing on protection and rejuvenation.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Work with those who are most knowledgeable in the area of environmental conservation, communicating not just with "government agencies" and those with technical knowledge, while this is needed, those with a more hands-on understanding on the local land must be had. Specifically, those who have been living in the rural area for many years, preferably even families who have been there for generations, including Traditional Custodians of the area. While the people and groups referenced in the plan will provide help, we believe there can be much to learn from those more deeply immersed in the environment which is trying to be protected. Biodiversity must also be more strongly expressed in this goal, as it essential for providing the mental health benefits which are stated in the goal.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

"Overall biodiversity improvement over the next 20 years" is truly essential and this needs to be held accountable.

"Climate change risks are most effectively addressed by those who are directly affected"
- This should be elaborated on by saying that those who contribute the most to the climate crisis are those who have the greatest ethical and social responsibility to remedy and counter it. The responsibility should not necessarily fall on those who are potentially suffering the effects of the climate crisis now, but on those who will be magnifying the suffering in the future due to their actions today.

- We must not only be "capable of meeting the challenges of climate change", but be a driving force in defeating these challenges. Though it's a technicality based on the use

of language, strong and committable language needs to be employed in order to be held accountable for the responsibility that this plan has in preserving our planet.

A.36 is not clear enough in defining what actions will take place to combat climate change, nor does it contain enough urgency and foresight that is appropriate to the topic of the climate crisis. Overall, there needs to be a greater presence of indigenous vegetation and its protection. Preservation and growth are key.

Another note on language - the use of the term "balance" in regards to our needs is, in the context, implicative that creating a flourishing state for biodiversity and making all decisions with both the climate crisis and the youth that will be the future in mind would seem to be counterproductive to sustaining the green wedge. It must not only be the priority, but it can very much be an idea that exists in harmony with the other actions occurring to sustain the Green Wedge. The climate crisis will clearly infringe on the quality of economy, tourism, and countless other aspects of the Green Wedge's sustainability, therefore in protection of these factors as well, the climate crisis must be at the forefront of the issue.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

"Promoting growth by attracting new investment and businesses" should not hinder the environmental needs. All environmental concerns must take precedence over emerging businesses that have the potential of causing any amount of damage or negative long-term effects on the land and the climate. The GWMP must clearly prioritize the need for environmental protection over economic growth. A carefully created acceptance process must be made for businesses requesting entry in ensuring they will be sustainable - education to these businesses on how they can reduce their footprint and help flourish the area would be a viable step that we would encourage. Economic activities must reflect the latest science and urgent need for environmental protections. The title of this Goal should reflect the need for environmental protections, such as, "a prosperous, environmentally-friendly Green Wedge economy".

Both excerpts: "This means that agriculture needs to co-exist comfortably with nature conservation. For example, livestock should not be grazed where they might damage areas with high biodiversity values..." and "...This also means that the land available for soil-based based agriculture needs to be protected for the future, that farming is able to take place without unnecessary interference, that the possibility of diversification into related activities, such as tourism is allowed and that the emergence of non-soil based agriculture can be made possible..." are of incredible importance. Accountability must be held to these statements. Good stuff.

The language used should indicate the position that all business and economic growth exists under the umbrella of the environment in the Green Wedge - the "Green" in the Green Wedge.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Leadership exists with the responsibility to train the community as leaders themselves. They should be educated on how they can lead the movement of sustainability and lend a powerful hand in eternalising the Green Wedge rather than letting it waste away to the climate crisis.

Other thoughts include further education on the community for individual-based methods of flourishing the Green Wedge and becoming sustainable, as well as selling the personal benefits that can bring to people. Recycling, growing own food or buying from farmers' markets (promotes local economy), etc.

Overall, Nillumbik can be a leader in truly putting the Green in Green Wedge first. Understanding, acknowledging, and acting appropriately to the fact that without the land and a healthy climate, nothing else can exist. Solutions must be made and diligence must be formed in order to combat the biggest crisis that has faced humanity, and sleep soundly knowing that all steps were taken so that there is a future for the children like us. I, writing, am a seventeen year-old boy still in school. It is essential to me to know that the council is undergoing each process in its innerworkings on the basis of questions such as "how will this impact the environment?" and "how could we use this to create a positive change in our community?"

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The GWMP draft does not emphasise the need for strong, immediate climate mitigation. The GWMP needs to set clear, detailed actions to rapidly transition the shire to 100% renewable energy generation and reach net zero emissions in order to protect the Green Wedge.

The current draft lacks the detail necessary to protect the Green Wedge's biodiversity. Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all

levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global". Clearly defined actions need to be included which will protect and increase the Green Wedge's biodiversity to ensure the long-term health of the Green Wedge.

The current draft also does not properly reflect the strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report, that Nillumbik residence and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP.

The voices and involvement of young people in protecting the Green Wedge, and mitigating climate breakdown should be included in the actions set out in the future GWMP. Young people are the future of the Green Wedge's sustained, thriving existence.

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Yes

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Key Move 1 - Agree
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Key Move 3 - Neutral
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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly believe we should support our community groups. They are essential to the overall happiness and prosperity of the shire

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

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A sensible approach to allowing appropriate businesses to operate within the GW - these might include B&B,s, farm to plate - supporting our local producers and wines, farm gate sales, etc.

I also believe we should be encouraging and supporting the strong equine community we have in the shire. This should include the development of equestrian facilities. This could be done in a way that respects the environment while encouraging them to enjoy it.

It would also be a wonderful way of engaging the younger members of our community to participate in equestrian activities.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I am making 2 submissions today.

One on behalf of my son, [REDACTED] & one for myself.

[REDACTED] comment to Council:

"My name is [REDACTED]. I am 10.

I think I am going to die by climate change.

I don't believe leaders in government will do anything about it. Not ScoMo, not DT (Donald Trump), not Kim Jong-in or Xi Jinping.

Recycling and looking after the environment is something adults need to do. Kids can't fix this. I want to be a soccer player. I won't have time to be a Prime Minister with my training but I can be kind to the environment. Looking after the Green Wedge is like looking after the Great Barrier Reef. I like both and don't want them destroyed."

My comments to Council:

As a dad and as a grandfather I want to see the Green Wedge protected. As a man I want to see the Green Wedge protected. My kids sing a song, "We love the Earth. It is our planet. We love the Earth. It is our home". Quite simply we need ensure we are leaving our kids a better Earth than what have inherited. Today's focus on money and the pursuit of the individual above all else is not a legacy that enriched our community .. local or global.

As local leaders & decision makers I ask that you make this Green Wedge Management Plan decision in good conscience considering the long term future for all not the quick wins for a few.

There are plenty of comments that can be made able who benefits most out of this draft plan but at the end of the day the natural environment MUST be the winner. This is not a competition about who writes the best document. This is about where we live, why we choose to live here and how we want to leave it for those who come after us.

The anxiety my son has about "death by climate change" is real. His disillusion with political leadership is real. As an adult I can vote. As a child he is powerless. As a Council you have an obligation to protect our community assets and ensure appropriate policy is framed for us to live by. Since the 1830's when Europeans first came to Nillumbik, it has changed dramatically. As a Council I implore you to investigate how we can restock or return our Shire so that its natural beauty, its indigenous land and farm land can be protected.

I work in construction on major projects mainly in the CBD. We are so obsessed with the built form that we are removing our natural world at record rates. From 2014-2017 I worked to construct the new Australian Post Entry Quarantine Facility at Mickleham. The farm land I drove past daily from Eltham to Donnybrook has been vastly replaced by houses & industry. We need to keep our Nillumbik Green Wedge from this fate. It is environmental vandalism to weaken the Green Wedge protections.

There are ways of accomodating population growth, an ageing population, food security, rural conservation, flora & fauna biodiversity protection without selling out the Green Wedge.

We live here for the birds, the trees, the mental health benefits of the green vistas, the space & natural environment. I ask that you include protections in the Green Wedge plan to protect roadside trees and shrubs from traffic/road upgrades, to protect wildlife, waterways and land currently zoned Rural Conservation Zone from the pressure of development & inappropriate commercial uses of the land. Let's keep our Green Wedge intact ... that is a tourist attraction in itself.

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Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Four generations of my family have lived and worked in Nillumbik. Keeping Nillumbik intergenerationally a great place to live and work should be our key vision and strategy underpinning our local government policies. Green Wedge Management needs to pursue and support social, economic and environmental betterment proportionally (three pillars of sustainability) to be effective. We cherish the fact that whilst we live only 25km's from the 2nd most populated city in Australia, we have a fabulous array of wildlife on and around our property, there is all manner of livestock and pets in the neighbourhood and children ride horses around the streets. Its a very distinctive and special part of our Nillumbik culture and we want to preserve both the rural lifestyle and environment for our children and grandchildren - and local government policy should absolutely support us in this endeavour.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

There are many forms of innovation that have enormous potential and should be supported, including innovative land management and agricultural practices. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has famously demonstrated the potential of his innovative land management practices to markedly improve land, water, environment and agriculture with sustainable agricultural system of Natural Sequence Farming. Implementation or development of such innovative practices are in effect prohibited by red and green tape at present, denying our future generations the potential land, water and environmental benefits.

[Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Landowners need to be able to facilitate bushfire mitigation without planning regime restrictions.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Nillumbik Council needs to rebuild trust with landowners in order to unlock the enormous capacity landowners have to improve land, water and environment for future generations.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As a resident in the Rural Conservation Zone of Nillumbik's Green Wedge, there are a number of fundamental things that are important to us that should be appropriately recognised and supported in policy. First and foremost, our role in the management our land, our rights to grow our own produce, hobby farm and to pursue our unique rural environmental lifestyle choices for our family is vitally important. We want to be able to build infrastructure in support of rural lifestyle choices - sheds, stables and yards for horses and livestock. We want to be able to extend our house to accommodate our growing family and their recreational pursuits. I dont want my elderly parents to be forced to leave Nillumbik when they get too old - nor do my wife and I when our time comes. I want to keep my parents close and I want to grow old with my children and grandchildren. I think we need to be innovative with our planning scheme to help accommodate families in this endeavour. We want to feel secure that we will be

supported to mitigate bushfire risk and to rebuild in the event of a catastrophe such as bushfire - not hindered and harangued by local council. We broadly agree with Pro Active Landowners Group in respect to their submission.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree
Key Move 2 - Strongly agree
Key Move 3 - Strongly agree
Key Move 4 - Strongly agree
Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Agree

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

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Strongly support

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We moved to this area for its beautiful trees, birds, wildlife and the ability to enjoy outdoor activities in a peaceful and safe area. I am a keen horse rider and was warmly welcomed into the community by the very supportive and caring equine community in Nillumbik. In my view, Goal 2 2.1 and 2.3 should be linked to developing an Equine Centre in Nillumbik in addition to extending the riding trails. I support the importance of the Green Wedge and strongly believe that supporting Horse sports in Nillumbik complements and supports the GWMP in that it encourages outdoor activity for all ages, has been shown to improve mental health and wellbeing and respects and appreciates the beauty of Nillumbik's outdoors. Including an Equestrian Centre in Nillumbik (indoor and outdoor arenas with seating and food for spectators) would be an excellent source of local employment, will attract people to the area which will in turn stimulate local businesses, can be utilised by schools (local and elsewhere) and will benefit the social interaction and wellbeing of our youth.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

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Strongly support

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Goal 4 4.1 and 4.4 - Refer to my comments above at Goal 2 as they apply here. An Equestrian centre will provide local employment, attract people from outside the area which will assist local businesses - cafes, restaurants, accommodation

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

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Other comments

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[REDACTED]

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Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

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Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As a resident of 10 years in kangaroo Ground I am well aware of the historical and ongoing challenges faced by landowners particularly in relation to administrative matters. I have considered the draft GWMP alongside the PALS submission and I endorse the PALS position.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I am currently a resident of Nillumbik on Yan Yean Rd, Yarrambat.

Thank you.

One of the most significant threats to the Green Wedge Shire as we know it is the State Government's Plans to redirect traffic from Plenty Rd to Yan Yean Rd via Bridge Inn Rd.

These plans are being facilitated by the State Government's proposals to overdevelop Bridge Inn Rd and Yan Yean Rd -Stage 2 (Bridge Inn Rd to Kurrack Rd section).

Impact will be 2 fold

1. Pressure to develop the Rural Conservation Zone Land to the east of Yan Yean Rd
2. Environmental and Cultural impact of the loss of approximately 4000 trees including approximately 250 large or very large old trees. Environmental impact includes impact on the important forage corridor of the Swift Parrot

I SUBMIT THAT THE GREEN WEDGE MANAGEMENT PLAN MUST INCLUDE:

1. NILLUMBIK COUNCIL ADVOCACY FOR NO RE-DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC FROM THE NORTH ONTO YAN YEAN RD.
2. NILLUMBIK COUNCIL ADVOCACY FOR COMPLIANCE WITH NILLUMBIK LOCAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK CLAUSE 21.05

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Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The draft plan goals and options do not support the vision of Nillumbik's green wedge to ensure a rural character...natural environments...are identified, preserved and enhanced. I read a strong focus of the draft plan is to develop greater residencies/buildings in the area and increase tourism by changing and destroying the natural environment. I do not support this draft plan. It goes against supporting legislation that prevents the incremental change to occur to the boundary and the stronger delineation between the rural and urban areas.

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Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Identifies within the draft plan that government has set clear boundaries between urban Melbourne and the green wedges. However the plan appears to be removing the boundaries from within by focus and statements that 'Council has identified that a new housing strategy is required for the whole of the shire' and will re-examine constraints for the green wedge 'to accommodate incremental growth and support housing diversity for young and elderly people' with the shire's 'population growth...concentrated in and around Eltham and Diamond Creek.'

I reside in Wattle Glen and I see what the development around Diamond Creek has done to the environment, our native flora and fauna. It has been urbanised. The very pictures that are used within the plan are not of urbanised areas but of trees, open areas, grasses and native flowers.

The engaged connected communities are already happening with the weekly community walk at Diamond Creek, the local community centres holding classes and exercises, the Lions Club holding festivals and other community festivals in the area specific to Nillumbik such as the Wattle Festival and local farmers' markets. Developing land to accommodate homes further simply takes away the attraction of the Green Wedge. Today alone I saw tourist pull up on the side of the road to take happy snaps with the beautiful native landscape behind them, last week I saw the excitement of people watching the kangaroos from the train that are in threat of being displaced by this plan. I say no to change any of the uses for Rural Conservation zoned land along the Urban Growth Boundary and around townships. EG: as we have in Wattle Glen with vacant

rural land between Mannish Rd and Clarke Ave and also on the west side of the Diamond Creek in Wattle Glen. There is a great aged care facility at the beginning of Yan Yean Road. Learn from other councils. The Shire of Yarra Ranges recently was challenged. The people in favour of developing the area were residents who were aged and had lost sight of the attractiveness and importance of the area from the time they moved some years earlier in but now focussed purely on their own needs to profit off their land. The plan is not intended to introduce possibilities that the council has considered the needs of further housing development for increased profit from payment of rates but to preserve the very thing that makes this area unique and highly valued by all Victorians.

There is no need for improved transport or traffic management (beyond maybe the railway pass at Diamond Creek). It is the very nature of the roads, the single train station at Wattle Glen that creates a special place for tourists to appreciate, an ambience of a more relaxed, go slow, breathe and see the beauty of the very native area near your developed zones. The goal appears to be heavily disguised as simply a means of increasing housing - what does A1.6 imply - why does council seek to acquire the small rural lots adjacent to public land...for development? The objectives and key actions here have lost sight of the key purpose of having a green wedge and current community engagement but are focussing on development of buildings and removal of trees - for every building development there is the ability to remove native vegetation to protect from fire...the impact radius is larger than the development.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Support the objectives of living and enhanced mental wellbeing and the development of open spaces and network of trails. Open spaces, exercise and clean air, less congestion all support healthy mental wellbeing. However it concerns me the contradiction of actions proposed within to remove the open spaces or remove the local heritage significant areas covered by the heritage overlay that is presented as simply 'serves as a tool for guiding, rather than preventing, change and can provide access to practical support and recognition of their owners'...' and proceeds to encourage owner-builders to revive and promote Nillumbik's uniqueness by revising and promoting the development of mud brick buildings!

Concerning that yet again the increased building development, urbanisation, of the green wedge appears yet again to be the priority for the draft plan.

I do not support this goal and in particular the proposed adaptive reuse of heritage place and allowing prohibited uses irrespective if they are in line with planning policy objectives that are not stipulated what they are in the draft plan.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Why does this draft plan remove the importance of the native plants and animals. Yes there is acknowledgement that both state and federal government levels recognition of the importance of protecting, conserving and enhancing biodiversity and natural values but as a council disregards this after acknowledging the essential value of native plants and animals that there is also a need for balanced outcomes. Screams that the draft plan/council supports the removal and reduction in the native plants and animals that have intrinsic value. The green wedge is to protect, conserve and enhance the cultural heritage significance and the open rural and scenic non-urban landscapes and I do not support the destruction of this by an opportunity to think differently about the green wedge when the thinkers are not aware of the importance of the green wedge and are focused on destruction and development.

The draft plan appears as a massive failure in anticipating climate change and biodiversity extinction - and Nillumbik, the "Green Wedge Shire", should have a GWMP that leads the way environmentally rather than speeding up or being the destruction to our green wedge that all of Victorians love. I do support the removal of feral animal and pest plant species that I note that many loved landcare groups tackle already within the green wedge.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I support a prosperous economy. Yet again the plan/council is focussed on developing more residential areas "to grow and maximise the benefits derived from the visitor economy, strategies will support the need for new and diversified accommodation investigation and development of a new visitor experiences that are able to be managed appropriately in the green wedge...".

How is the raping of the land supporting the visitors that attend for the reason that the majority of the shire is less developed, more rural than urban!! Look at the hill in Diamond Creek - I shout stop this horrendous development and rape of land and protect the creep...let the trees and native landscape live and breath to provide sustenance to the native wildlife. Do we need a greater infrastructure by adding to the wind and food offerings? Is there going to be an influx of wineries...travelled to Margaret River - numerous, variety of wineries works there because they have kept their native landscapes and open spaces across a large area of land. The whole of the Victorian population will not transcend at once on the green wedge shire. Part of the charm is to

find the touristy beauties in the most unexpected areas.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

A5.1 - annual reporting on what? and how is this going to be enforced? what is the importance of the information collected once the environment and landscape has been changed? It takes minutes to fall a tree but years for it to grow.

A5.2 implement an approach that has not been adequately discussed within the document on how preventative measures for climate change within the draft plan and to discuss? Should the protection of the green wedge and the reasons why we have been already explored rather than a heavy focus on urbanising the area by building more infrastructure and buildings/businesses?

A5.4 there is no understanding of the current actions the townships/areas in the green wedge have in place i.e. the starting place from which the strengthening will occur. Presented as if there is none! Why I am of a local group after only being here for a short period of time and yet zilch from council. Maybe it is the disconnect of council from their residents that needs to be focus.

A5.6 and 5.7 - stinks of development and creep of urban growth into the green wedge. Poor diamond creek is already a horrific example of what has been done by council...stop there and don't creep into wattle glen. Has council considered the

I do not support the further examination deemed to be warranted whether the current zones to private land hinders any of the objectives of this plan that does not appear to support the purpose of what a green wedge is about. The review of potential hinders is focussed purely on agriculture and tourism. Generalised statements presented that appear to use the draft plan as a means to bring urban change...greed! Where is the continued protection of this beautiful and naturally diverse area. Disappointed that council are considering to effect change. The draft plan suggests that council is seeking to change from within rather than tackling along the boundaries i.e. encouraging urbanised creep within to meet the urban boundaries.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The major form of public review is questionable - where are the statistics to support this claim. Yes it is a unique approach but the public were not easily allowed into to listen to the panel as access was held at the panels discretion.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I have been a Nillumbik resident for 41 years and over time I have seen the over development and decimation of what our shire was once all about.

Loss of trees, habitat destruction and unit after unit being built is really taking its toll. It's not the Nillumbik I know and love any more.

I live off Yan Yean Rd and am angry that Whittlesea council has squashed their residents in like sardines and we are paying the price for it.

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5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I believe what is on paper and agreed upon doesn't always mean that trees, the environment in general and its people are looked after. Only time will tell.

Principles

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- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly disagree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I don't believe the general community are kept informed enough, or listened to, when decimation of trees, the environment and over population (units and sub division for example) affects them.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

It would be great if certain parts of Goal 5 were followed through on. The average person is often not aware of planned changes that may affect them, or wouldn't know how to go about standing up for their rights, or beliefs. Making plans more easily accessible and having better systems for regular people to consult, would be wonderful. That would encourage many more people to have a say.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Conservation of environmental habitat and values not identified as a "Goal" for managing our the Green wedge under this Vision, nor does is this key issue mentioned in the Principles driving the management. A key absence.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The plan does not value the inner tensions that exist within any set of objectives and aspirations and would inevitably lead to domination by one interest group.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These carefully chosen words are a bit confusing - e.g "social equity". the underlying influence in balancing needs and access always comes down to resources and funding. Priorities rule.

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Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Council's key role is to provide the Framework communities to develop the necessary connectiveness.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

My Goal 1 comment above refers

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

These are sound objectives; there is a national need to value the benefit to all from having active, caring residents in our rural land.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

The proposed audit of rural assets is likely to conclude there is limited upside for large scale agricultural development in our Green wedge. This is NOT the Yarra Valley so a sensible priority would be to better manage the local nature conservation values to support our tourist industry. Learn from Europe - vast areas of prosperous agricultural land developed over centuries that look picturesque but in the end boring with not a bird to be heard.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Talk of re-zoning is unsettling; first task is to review the range of Uses the current zoning allows for suitability of fit to over-all objectives. I have not yet had the opportunity to study provisions of alternative zonings mentioned.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

There needs to be a statement about agricultural and recreational use for all rural residents with more consideration to safety from Bushfires.

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Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

1. Who will provide this service? most Rural land owners have been managing their land for more than 30 years so the networks they have set up have assisted them for no cost at all so far. 2. Do more in Fire Prevention instead of less ,as has been occurring. 3. Need more information about who is having input to this. We don't want the Urban residents telling us how to manage our properties. 4. The Townships are not part of the Green Wedge, and incur their own Zonings and Overlays already . 5.The Environment considerations have taken precedence too much already, Residential assets and Human Assets should be higher on the priority than the environment. Agricultural assets and practices are aligned with land owners lifestyle choices which in most cases have been set for 30 to 50 years; and certainly in practice before the Green Wedge was imposed. Most of the agricultural practices were engaged purely because of the topography and the types of vegetation in different parts of the Shire.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

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Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The Rural parts of the Shire should have more representation as this area is much larger. There should be more Horse riding trails that join up to provide safer Trails. these could be used by walkers as well. Too many trails have to share roadside verges which are not safe. The Heritage of the Shire came from agricultural practices and exploring and commuting by horses. These practices only developed when Gold Miners and settlers came to the Shire, and saw what agriculture could be sustained. Safety & wellbeing should be the highest priority in this plan , as the Bushfires of Black Saturday proved that the Fire Prevention planning by the Shire was reduced in favour of the environment, to the cost of lives ,livelihood, fauna and the environment which in many areas will never recover. What Change is needed for future benefit apart from reducing traffic and providing the proper services that Councils should provide.?

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Strongly support

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[Goal 2: Active and creative people](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Safer Riding and Walking trails should be planned, we shouldn't be paying for creative people to live in the Shire .There are enough artists and creative people residing here without having "Artist's In Residence" wasting our rates.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Safety from Bushfires and from Traffic that commutes across the shire . Consideration of the CFA act and supporting an "Actual" Ring Road to take cars out of the Shire should be paramount.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

More Representation in the Rural Districts. the Urban residents should not dictate to the Rural landowners about their properties in this plan .Lobby their Councilors about recreational areas they may use but don't tell us where our houses should be built ,what materials we use or what trees we plant.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Very concerned that this is just another way to engage the Schedule 81 & 101 Plans that wasted a lot of Ratepayers money and time . It appears that the Rural Zonings have been changed surreptitiously , with no consultation with any Land owners. It has been noted that the policy of rebuilding of existing Houses on the same footprint after a fire has been re-engaged through this new Zoning even though this was thrown out with the Schedule 101 & 81.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I would prefer no further significant development.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

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Strongly support

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I am concerned about development that will impact the environment.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The Green Wedge Management Plan primary goal should be a document focused on conserving a valuable natural resource.

The new draft is talking about integrating the Green Wedge with people and creating a prosperous economy. Is this what we want for such a unique natural resource. Once we start integrating and softening the protections it is a very slippery slope.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

There are other plans and strategies in place within council documents and plans to deal with people living in Nillumbik, the Green Wedge Management Plan should focus on preserving the natural environment. We know that as other areas in the shire become more densely developed, protecting and enhancing our green wedge and the fauna and flora it contains is more important than ever.

Covering 91% of the shire, there needs to be a designated team of people employed by Council to prioritize the Green Wedge protection, this team would also help educate the community across the shire about the unique area and what it contains.

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Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each principle should refer to how this links into protecting and enhancing the natural environment of the Green Wedge.

There is no doubt people and the community are an important part of protecting the Green Wedge, and their safety should be paramount. Education should be a key principle this could encompass educating land owners in the Green Wedge, visitors and the community of Nillumbik.

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Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The language used in this goal points to criticism of the state controls. It is the state controls that manage the Green Wedge boundary across the state.

I agree with prioritization of conserving and enhancing the landscape ahead of residential development.

Many other council policies such as Nillumbik Health and Well Being and Nillumbik Volunteer policies deal with people and being actively engaged in the community.

This document should focus on the natural environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I agree to enhance active living and enhanced mental wellbeing.

The key actions in this document point to 'implementing', 'developing' rather than preserving and protecting the Green Wedge area.

Increasing trails what does this mean ? horse trails - this will mean loss of native flora and fauna.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Key actions A3.2 reviewing the environmental significance overlay in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme

This screams to me, softening and reduction of protection not prioritizing it.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Again the language used in this goal is 'big business', promoting new investment' and highlights the priority is not protection but development.

I agree that improved access to the internet is vital to residents in the rural areas.

I appreciate the frustration of people trying to build a house in these areas is time consuming and tedious, this is for a very good reason to ensure the right type of development is permitted. We don't want a fast passed approval system this would compromise the Green Wedge character.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

'Further examination is warranted to determine whether the current application of the

zones to private land hinders any objectives of this plan, particularly in relation to the promotion of agriculture and tourism'.

This is code for loosening the controls around the very zones that protect the Green Wedge.

A5.7 talks about land abutting Urban Growth Boundary.

There needs to be a hard boundary not a buffer zone that is subdivided for the few wanting to cash in!

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I am very concerned about the language used in this document and the influence of a very small group of people acting in their own self interest rather than the interest of the greater community and state population as a whole.

Changing this language and softening the protections will have dire effects on the future of The Green Wedge.

It is our job as custodians to protect this natural asset not help facilitate its demise.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

• This provides a very strong, broad and all-inclusive vision which is consistent with the State Government requirements for a GWMP. • Council has a clear obligation to appropriately consider all of the factors, that when combined, ensure the future of a healthy and robust landscape.

Five Key Moves

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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.

5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Landowner information service is a worthwhile initiative provided it does not become a means to log and or control landowner uses or works. • A whole of organization approach is also worthwhile provided council officers comply with the strategic direction of the GWMP and its implementation. • A program that engages the community on an ongoing basis is also worthwhile provided there is an appropriate balance of participants with proper oversight, accurate reporting and relevant input. • The strengthening of township character must be universally supported. I cannot imagine why green activists disagree with this move. • Stock takes of all activities that currently operate within the green wedge must surely be a direct and ongoing obligation that council has to its constituents. As above, I cannot imagine why green activists object to this initiative.

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Leadership • Respect Fundamental to any successful GWMP. An acknowledgement that all views should be considered unlike the green activist view that only their view should be considered. • Collaboration Necessary component to deliver good outcomes, unlike the green activist view that only their position and viewpoints are worthy. • Integrity Landowners are the main contributors that act with integrity by relying only on facts and truths and not misleading information and false accusations. • Adaptability A successful green wedge, like its inhabitants, has to be adaptable and flexible and conducive to a changing environment. • Community Essential to establish a sense of community which can only be achieved with realistic goals and community inclusion. Aboriginal voice There is indeed much to be learned from the indigenous people, particularly in relation to land management and land fit for purpose. Whole of shire approach The urban community should not control what rural residents do on their land. Rural landowners are responsible stewards of the landscape and this must be acknowledged and, within the framework of a successful GWMP, be supported through proper inclusion, targeting and delivery. Manage change The green wedge is in a perpetual state of change and challenges must be dealt with in a responsible way. The pathway to manage change is to acknowledge all those that contribute and value participation which results in a healthy landscape into the future. This does not currently occur as green activists assume the only way is to reject and hold back change and adaptability by the irresponsible policies of locking up the land and removing the human footprint. Collaboration The draft GWMP is absolutely accurate here and I fully support this initiative. Celebrate local identity and landscape I fully support this principle. There is much to love about our existing landscape, which has been delivering a successful green wedge to the community for generations. When combined with strong local identity the result is a much-loved area on the fringe of suburban Melbourne. The main danger here is the divisive, misleading and inaccurate opinions and misinformation broadcast by ill-informed green activists which seek to destroy what we have held dear for generations, a sense of a great place to live and of living within a great landscape. Social Equity Supported. Safety, Wellbeing The key to resilience is to maintain a healthy landscape which provides the best ongoing opportunity for the landscape to survive. The solution to resilience is not to lock up the land, remove human involvement and let "nature take its course". This is a very short road which leads directly to the next bushfire

disaster. Conserve and enhance our heritage I fully support this principle. Conservation involves human input as this provides the only pathway to long term survival. Embrace human input and interaction with the landscape. Exclusion equals extinction. Sustainability and precautionary principle The key factor to sustainability is a healthy landscape that incorporates all of the differing components that when added together, deliver the best overall green wedge. Remove all reference to the precautionary principle as the term and its application has been abused for decades as an inappropriate catch-all phrase to refuse permits when all else fails. There are a great number of highly qualified experts, Agencies and consultants that can provide detailed and methodical analysis for any given situation. Let the experts determine what is acceptable and remove ill-informed and unqualified planners and activists the ability to refuse or reject on no valid grounds or the wishful motherhood principle of refusal based on the “you might be held accountable if something adverse happens or some-one dies”.

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Implementation is the key. Without strong and continuing engagement delivered through the implementation phase the GWMP will fail. • Landowners must be valued, included and recognized. Landowners already make a huge contribution to the living landscape and receive no assistance in delivering the face of the Nillumbik green wedge to the community. • To date the only contribution council makes to landowners is to punish, pursue and penalize. This must change if the GWMP is to be successful. • Establish lawful authority for landowners to undertake bushfire mitigation works on their own properties, as well as along the road verges adjacent to their properties, without the need for a planning permit. • Current zoning (RCZ) is not fit for purpose as applied to existing properties, infrastructure and enterprises. The RCZ was introduced to satisfy green activist groups who, improperly, dictate Government policy. The Nillumbik RCZ is not consistent with the principles of a green wedge and is the only application of an RCZ within a green wedge in Victoria. • The GWMP should advocate and pursue a planning

scheme amendment to change the current RCZ to the fit for purpose Green Wedge Zone (GWZ). A GWZ still satisfies all of the requirements that currently exist in relation to a successful green wedge and a healthy landscape, but properly incorporates a more realistic understanding that people should and do legitimately live within the green wedge and within the landscape. • The GWMP should acknowledge that the term “small lots” is inappropriate, misleading and not applicable for any existing title. Any application to council for any purpose should not be assessed on its area, rather it should be assessed on its merits irrespective of the land area. • No policy position has been espoused in the draft GWMP with respect to the above issue. The final GWMP should either, state that it forms no position, or, that the term, in isolation, is irrelevant and will not be used as a means of refusal. • I do not advocate for any change to the Urban Growth Boundary and I acknowledge and agree that within the GWMP council does not either. In any advent, it is the sole responsibility of State Government to determine any matters that relate to this issue, not council. • There should be a discussion with Government in relation to the concept of buffer zones, but I have no immediate position on the positives or negatives. • Improved mobile coverage and elimination of black spots should be a high priority. It is unimaginable that, within the most fire prone area on Earth, Nillumbik still contains these black spots. This a damning indictment on Government (from either side of politics).

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

All of the facets that make up a healthy landscape are important contributors to community wellbeing.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

A safe environment includes proper works and management of public places. • A healthy environment is determined by a healthy landscape. • The proper and balanced approach to vegetation needs to combine the importance of environmentally significant areas with the existing rural landscapes, both of which join to give us the green wedge we all enjoy now. • It is noted that, despite the misinformation circulated by green activist groups, vegetation cover has significantly increased since the initial green wedge was created. This is despite the increased number of dwellings and enterprises. This is supported by historical aerial photography, as well as the empirical evidence from local

CFA brigades and Government Agencies who all attest that ground fuel and vegetation cover once again exceed the levels from pre 2009 Black Saturday fires. • As a consequence of the above, a healthy environment requires realistic fire mitigation and the importance of the Nillumbik Bushfire Mitigation Strategy is crucial to the success of the GWMP. The BMS should take precedence over the GWMP and this needs to be defined in the GWMP. • The proposed stock takes of assets may be worthwhile but has the potential to be used as a repository for information against landowners. Given the current council planning and environmental officer attitudes towards landowners when making permit applications, this type of information library could deliver an increased opportunity for invasive and irrelevant application assessment and be used as a means to impose more excessive controls and requirements. • As of right to rebuild – see comments at the head of this response. • Planning provisions – see comments at the head of this response.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

• The GWMP will not be successful unless there is a prosperous economy supporting the community that lives within the green wedge.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

• Governance and Engagement The principles and objectives are supported. However, unless council can demonstrate that council officers can genuinely work with landowners and not against them, the effects of good governance and engagement will have very limited success. Regulations and enforcement actions (including penalties) are not the way forward for landowners, irrespective of the situation, as this line of action will only increase mistrust and will not deliver improved council / community relationships. • Land Use Planning The current zoning of RCZ across the green wedge is not fit for purpose. The GWMP should advocate strongly to rezone the green wedge as a GWZ – as is the situation with every other green wedge in the State. I have no issue with the Special Use Zone for Bend of Isles, in fact a Special Use Zone should also be applied to the Christmas Hills area to protect existing uses across the Melbourne Water Land. Land zoned GWZ retains the ability to properly protect environmentally sensitive areas, whilst being more realistic in relation to existing dwellings and infrastructure as well as enterprise. A GWZ is fit for purpose, but does not involve any change to the existing

controls in relation minimum lot sizes for subdivision. However, a GWZ recognizes and acknowledges a greater range of uses befitting the rural part of the Nillumbik Shire being the land within the green wedge. Rather than fiddle around the edges of the existing RCZ in an attempt to protect the “right to farm”, micro applied to specific areas only, a rezoning to GWZ is a superior general fit for purpose, whilst simultaneously protecting sensitive vegetation areas. A GWZ does not diminish the protection offered to environmentally sensitive areas, but does offer a more comprehensive, appropriate zoning which also covers the farming, agricultural, hobby farming and micro-enterprise businesses that either exist or may be proposed into the future.

Other comments

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I support the Objectives and Key Actions listed for Goal 5 in the draft GWMP.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

We should be strengthening protections for the environment across the board. Not watering down any protections.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Environmental protection should be the number one key move. Everything else suggested appears to be cloak and dagger opportunities to erode the environment and increase opportunities for developers and agriculture. Natural capital is s our number one asset for this area and it doesn't rate a mention and isn't valued. We should get with the program.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Again, we miss the key points. The only positive here is aboriginal involvement. We should be talking about aboriginal heritage, not white man settlement. Natural capital, not precautionary principal.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

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Connected and engaged while embracing and protecting natural capital and aboriginal heritage only. No more destruction and devastation.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

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Do not Support

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Goal 4: A prosperous economy

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Do not Support

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Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

The redrafting of the Green Wedge Management Plan is an example of irresponsible and wasteful practices. What we need is positive and embracing community leadership, embracing and protecting natural capital and aboriginal heritage. No more destruction and devastation.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

What a disappointing exercise in unnecessary expenditure that was premature and motivated by a desire to reduce protections of our community and areas most vital and beloved asset - the environment - our natural capital.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Nillumbik's State of the Environment Report clearly indicates the ongoing loss of vegetation throughout the shire. Any new plan must demonstrate much stronger protections for vegetation. The Draft does not demonstrate a sufficiently strong commitment to environmental protection.

Green Wedges are vital, especially when many suburbs are becoming more and more congested and built up. The Green Wedge we live in helps to cool the city and is known as the lungs of Melbourne. It is our responsibility to ensure the long term health of Nillumbik's Green Wedge. Nillumbik was established as a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. The Draft Green Wedge Management Plan does not reflect this fact.

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Key Move 1 - Strongly disagree

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Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The Draft does not reflect the community's views and desires (expressed via the community consultation process and via the Panel process). To ignore such a strong voice to such a degree erodes the community's confidence in Council and other authorities. It also demonstrates a lack of good governance. I do not support the Five Key Moves to support delivery when the Council's Draft GWMP is unacceptable as written.

The Draft is confusing and difficult to read. It does not give clarity about its intentions, key actions, and how the Council will ensure they will occur in a timely manner.

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Transparency fosters trust, and trust is important for the local community when dealing with Nillumbik Council.

Council has not been transparent with the Community on numerous occasions including recently with its plans for Edendale Farm. Principles are great if the Council has listened to the Community and are on the same page but I fear the words and their meanings are different for the community and council.

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Strongly do not support

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The draft is confusing and difficult to read lacking clarity about Councils intentions. It could mean adding a train station and building along the Urban Growth Boundary which I strongly do not support. The Draft GWMP is unacceptable as written

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Keeping the community active is great for both health and wellbeing. Completing and connecting the trail network to neighbouring municipalities allows more visitors to access the Green Wedge without the need for a car. There is already a huge volume of cyclists who traverse our local area each week, safety for these people should be a high priority.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

The Green Wedge is NOT just about people and money. Innumerable international reports confirm that our highest and most urgent priorities are to protect our biodiversity and to address climate change. The Draft Plan is unacceptable as written.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

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Strongly do not support

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A5.6 and A5.7 - The Urban Growth Boundary must be strictly adhered to as a hard boundary. Buffer zones must not be created, and there must not be changes to zoning that would negatively impact the environment.

Climate Change must be a key point of reference and any Plan must speak of strong actions for mitigation and lowering emissions, not just adaptation.

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Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

[Goal 2: Active and creative people](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

[Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

[Goal 4: A prosperous economy](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

This 'vision' favours developers and will destroy the environment.

Five Key Moves

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1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Much greater emphasis required in caring for the environment. Each move should demonstrate how it will protect the local environment.

Principles

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Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These principles, while acceptable in part, are too vague. They need to demonstrate specifically how they will protect our precious local environment from developers and their supporters (such as those in the Council now)

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Too vague; needs to specify how it will protect our environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Too vague; needs to specifically state how it will protect the environment.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Needs to state what specific steps it will take to protect environment on both public and private land.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Needs to specify how it will protect the environment, which is the foundation of our local economy.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

This plan supports developers at the expense of the environment.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I have lived in this area for over fifty years. It's main attraction is its local environment. The Draft Green Wedge Management Plan is a threat to the way of life that is at the heart of our local community.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

• This provides a very strong, broad and all-inclusive vision which is consistent with the State Government requirements for a GWMP. • Council has a clear obligation to appropriately consider all of the factors, that when combined, ensure the future of a healthy and robust landscape.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

1. Landowner information service is a worthwhile initiative provided it does not become a means to log and or control landowner uses or works. 2. A whole of organization approach is also worthwhile provided council officers comply with the strategic direction of the GWMP and its implementation. 3. A program that engages the community on an ongoing basis is also worthwhile provided there is an appropriate balance of participants with proper oversight, accurate reporting and relevant input. 4. The strengthening of township character must be universally supported. I cannot imagine why green activists disagree with this move. 5. Stock takes of all activities that currently operate within the green wedge must surely be a direct and ongoing obligation that council has to its constituents. As above, I cannot imagine why green activists object to this initiative.

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Leadership • Respect Fundamental to any successful GWMP. An acknowledgement that all views should be considered unlike the green activist view that only their view should be considered. • Collaboration Necessary component to deliver good outcomes, unlike the green activist view that only their position and viewpoints are worthy. • Integrity Landowners are the main contributors that act with integrity by relying only on facts and truths and not misleading information and false accusations. • Adaptability A successful green wedge, like its inhabitants, has to be adaptable and flexible and conducive to a changing environment. • Community Essential to establish a sense of community which can only be achieved with realistic goals and community inclusion. Aboriginal voice There is indeed much to be learned from the indigenous people, particularly in relation to land management and land fit for purpose. Whole of shire approach The urban community should not control what rural residents do on their land. Rural landowners are responsible stewards of the landscape and this must be acknowledged and, within the framework of a successful GWMP, be supported through proper inclusion, targeting and delivery. Manage change The green wedge is in a perpetual state of change and challenges must be dealt with in a responsible way. The pathway to manage change is to acknowledge all those that contribute and value participation which results in a healthy landscape into the future. This does not currently occur as green activists assume the only way is to reject and hold back change and adaptability by the irresponsible policies of locking up the land and removing the human footprint. Collaboration The draft GWMP is absolutely accurate here and I fully support this initiative. Celebrate local identity and landscape I fully support this principle. There is much to love about our existing landscape, which has been delivering a successful green wedge to the community for generations. When combined with strong local identity the result is a much-loved area on the fringe of suburban Melbourne. The main danger here is the divisive, misleading and inaccurate opinions and misinformation broadcast by ill-informed green activists which seek to destroy what we have held dear for generations, a sense of a great place to live and of living within a great landscape. Social Equity Supported. Safety, Wellbeing The key to resilience is to maintain a healthy landscape which provides the best ongoing opportunity for the landscape to survive. The solution to resilience is not to lock up the land, remove human involvement and let "nature take its course". This is a very short road which leads directly to the next bushfire

disaster. Conserve and enhance our heritage I fully support this principle. Conservation involves human input as this provides the only pathway to long term survival. Embrace human input and interaction with the landscape. Exclusion equals extinction. Sustainability and precautionary principle The key factor to sustainability is a healthy landscape that incorporates all of the differing components that when added together, deliver the best overall green wedge. Remove all reference to the precautionary principle as the term and its application has been abused for decades as an inappropriate catch-all phrase to refuse permits when all else fails. There are a great number of highly qualified experts, Agencies and consultants that can provide detailed and methodical analysis for any given situation. Let the experts determine what is acceptable and remove ill-informed and unqualified planners and activists the ability to refuse or reject on no valid grounds or the wishful motherhood principle of refusal based on the “you might be held accountable if something adverse happens or some-one dies”.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

- Implementation is the key. Without strong and continuing engagement delivered through the implementation phase the GWMP will fail.
- Landowners must be valued, included and recognized. Landowners already make a huge contribution to the living landscape and receive no assistance in delivering the face of the Nillumbik green wedge to the community.
- To date the only contribution council makes to landowners is to punish, pursue and penalize. This must change if the GWMP is to be successful.
- Establish lawful authority for landowners to undertake bushfire mitigation works on their own properties, as well as along the road verges adjacent to their properties, without the need for a planning permit.
- Current zoning (RCZ) is not fit for purpose as applied to existing properties, infrastructure and enterprises. The RCZ was introduced to satisfy green activist groups who, improperly, dictate Government policy. The Nillumbik RCZ is not consistent with the principles of a green wedge and is the only application of an RCZ within a green wedge in Victoria.
- The GWMP should advocate and pursue a planning

scheme amendment to change the current RCZ to the fit for purpose Green Wedge Zone (GWZ). A GWZ still satisfies all of the requirements that currently exist in relation to a successful green wedge and a healthy landscape, but properly incorporates a more realistic understanding that people should and do legitimately live within the green wedge and within the landscape. • The GWMP should acknowledge that the term “small lots” is inappropriate, misleading and not applicable for any existing title. Any application to council for any purpose should not be assessed on its area, rather it should be assessed on its merits irrespective of the land area. • No policy position has been espoused in the draft GWMP with respect to the above issue. The final GWMP should either, state that it forms no position, or, that the term, in isolation, is irrelevant and will not be used as a means of refusal. • I do not advocate for any change to the Urban Growth Boundary and I acknowledge and agree that within the GWMP council does not either. In any advent, it is the sole responsibility of State Government to determine any matters that relate to this issue, not council. • There should be a discussion with Government in relation to the concept of buffer zones, but I have no immediate position on the positives or negatives. • Improved mobile coverage and elimination of black spots should be a high priority. It is unimaginable that, within the most fire prone area on Earth, Nillumbik still contains these black spots. This a damning indictment on Government (from either side of politics).

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

All of the facets that make up a healthy landscape are important contributors to community wellbeing.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

• A safe environment includes proper works and management of public places. • A healthy environment is determined by a healthy landscape. • The proper and balanced approach to vegetation needs to combine the importance of environmentally significant areas with the existing rural landscapes, both of which join to give us the green wedge we all enjoy now. • It is noted that, despite the misinformation circulated by green activist groups, vegetation cover has significantly increased since the initial green wedge was created. This is despite the increased number of dwellings and enterprises. This is supported by historical aerial photography, as well as the empirical evidence from local

CFA brigades and Government Agencies who all attest that ground fuel and vegetation cover once again exceed the levels from pre 2009 Black Saturday fires. • As a consequence of the above, a healthy environment requires realistic fire mitigation and the importance of the Nillumbik Bushfire Mitigation Strategy is crucial to the success of the GWMP. The BMS should take precedence over the GWMP and this needs to be defined in the GWMP. • The proposed stock takes of assets may be worthwhile but has the potential to be used as a repository for information against landowners. Given the current council planning and environmental officer attitudes towards landowners when making permit applications, this type of information library could deliver an increased opportunity for invasive and irrelevant application assessment and be used as a means to impose more excessive controls and requirements. • As of right to rebuild – see comments at the head of this response. • Planning provisions – see comments at the head of this response.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

• The GWMP will not be successful unless there is a prosperous economy supporting the community that lives within the green wedge.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

• Governance and Engagement The principles and objectives are supported. However, unless council can demonstrate that council officers can genuinely work with landowners and not against them, the effects of good governance and engagement will have very limited success. Regulations and enforcement actions (including penalties) are not the way forward for landowners, irrespective of the situation, as this line of action will only increase mistrust and will not deliver improved council / community relationships. • Land Use Planning The current zoning of RCZ across the green wedge is not fit for purpose. The GWMP should advocate strongly to rezone the green wedge as a GWZ – as is the situation with every other green wedge in the State. I have no issue with the Special Use Zone for Bend of Isles, in fact a Special Use Zone should also be applied to the Christmas Hills area to protect existing uses across the Melbourne Water Land. Land zoned GWZ retains the ability to properly protect environmentally sensitive areas, whilst being more realistic in relation to existing dwellings and infrastructure as well as enterprise. A GWZ is fit for purpose, but does not involve any change to the existing

controls in relation minimum lot sizes for subdivision. However, a GWZ recognizes and acknowledges a greater range of uses befitting the rural part of the Nillumbik Shire being the land within the green wedge. Rather than fiddle around the edges of the existing RCZ in an attempt to protect the “right to farm”, micro applied to specific areas only, a rezoning to GWZ is a superior general fit for purpose, whilst simultaneously protecting sensitive vegetation areas. A GWZ does not diminish the protection offered to environmentally sensitive areas, but does offer a more comprehensive, appropriate zoning which also covers the farming, agricultural, hobby farming and micro-enterprise businesses that either exist or may be proposed into the future.

Other comments

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

VISION Look at the first statement of the Green Wedge Vision on page 5 of the Draft GWMP. 'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental social and economic sustainability of the Shire.' By clumping together in the Vision Statement, a bunch of sub-values not focussed on Green Wedge protection, maintenance or revitalisation, the Vision Statement conflates a mass of issues, confusing, missing and ultimately distracting from what should be its first and primary point according to the Victorian Government's Plan Melbourne 2017-2015: "Protect and enhance environmental and biodiversity assets...maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats..." "Vibrant, resilient, connected, diverse community and social and economic sustainability" are laudable goals for Nillumbik Shire in general. But they do not belong in a Green Wedge Vision Statement which is meant to be a statement for the primary focus, direction, commitment and inspiration for the whole Green Wedge Plan. Without that strong, sharp focus on preserving the Green Wedge in the Vision Statement, the subsequent principles, objectives, goals and actions based on the Vision Statement easily become 'soft and fuzzy' on absolute commitment

to maintaining and reinvigorating the environmental values thus distracting from this primary goal. Such distraction and fuzziness are exhibited in much of the wording of the draft key moves, principles, objectives, goals and actions and will inevitably lead to encroachment on and deterioration of the currently very fragile Green Wedge. With this lack of focus and commitment it becomes likely that in a very short time there will no longer BE a Nillumbik Green Wedge. It was agreed in the consultation process: Protecting the environment should be CLEARLY the NUMBER ONE focus of Nillumbik's Green Wedge Plan, and in its current draft form the Vision and the Plan is clearly NOT focussed on protecting the environment. The lack of this focus creates concern about trust in the Council's intentions and process. Instead the Green Wedge Vision should state clearly it is about: Protecting and reinvigorating the native environment and the biodiversity of its flora and fauna. And the Green Wedge Vision statement should very clearly spell out what that means, and provide guidelines for the principles, goals, objections and actions. For example: 1) maintaining and enhancing the Green Wedge as refuge for humans, native flora and fauna 2) counteracting climate change which would undermine the Green Wedge 3) committing to utilising in action, the cultural knowledge of indigenous peoples, the experience of local conservation groups, government departments specialising in environmental conservation and enhancement, and the latest scientific research and data in protecting and reinvigorating the natural environment 4) reviewing, researching and building upon the previous GWMP: what worked, what didn't and how we can Improve in our updated GWMP

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Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

KEY MOVES From my experience as an organisational change management consultant, I am not sure how these moves actually represent organisational change, particularly since they don't refer to what has or hasn't been done in these areas previously. Changing from what? For example, one has to wonder, "has there never been a stocktake of environmental assets?" "That doesn't seem to be the case. The Key Moves are all very general and could provide useful movement towards achieving the Vision, if the Vision itself was more focussed and these moves more specifically reflected that focus. For example: Key Move 1: A comprehensive landowners' information and support service. The word 'comprehensive' is quite vague and could be replaced by words that actually point to the type of information and purpose of the support service for landowners. A reference to support in recognising the environmental assets on their land and how best to preserve and enhance them, for example, would give meaning to the move. This lack of clarity along with the fact that the GWMP Draft is demeaning of a 'regulation based' approach creates erosion of confidence that landowners will be supported in preserving the Green Wedge rather than being supported in pursuing their own personal economic and social objectives. Key Move 2: A whole of organisation approach to community resilience. This move needs clarification of its intention by adding the words like "community resilience to bushfire, climate change and environmental deterioration." Key Move 3: A Green Wedge Conversations program This statement should include the proposed outcome of what is referred to later in the draft – a 'robust conversations program.' An actual result such as "a better understanding of and shared commitment to action enhancing habitats for flora, fauna and biodiversity," is required. Key Move 4: A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships. This move doesn't even mention the Green Wedge, which gives rise to more questions about the intentions of the services proposed. An intention that points to how planning regulations and boundaries will be upheld and tourism development (for example) focussed within townships is required. Again, what does 'comprehensive' mean in this context? Key Move 5: Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices This move fails to even mention stocktakes of environmental assets management practices, only agricultural practices. Again, the question "to what purpose" arises and this Key Move needs a phrase pointing towards something like: 'better achieving the vision of counteracting climate change and deterioration by uninformed use.'" This failure increases doubts about the understanding and actual intentions of the Council in regard to environmental assets management for the purpose of enhancement of these assets.

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Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Many key recommendations of the Community Panel (including the one pointed out in my comment on the Vision) have been ignored in this GWMP or sidelined, so it cannot be claimed that these Principles include those recommendations, as it is claimed on page 19 of this Draft GWMP. Another key recommendation was that the current GWMP should serve as a basis for an updated plan. This did not happen. If it had there would have been included in this Draft New GWMP details revealed by review of the previous GWMP which would point to successful principles, goals and actions of the past GWMP that ought to be acknowledged and included in the current GWMP, as well as those which did not produce the intended outcomes and how they could be improved. The ten Principles listed are mostly vague, 'feel good' terms which give little or no information on how implementation will occur, by whom, how and by whom they will be monitored and evaluated. The values of the Council mentioned in the headings are equally vague. In fact, some of these values, as they are revealed in various parts of the document, are of concern, as they seem to repeatedly divert from the main purpose of a GWMP as directed by the State Government. Leadership Again, these are just a list of fuzzy, feel good statements, some of which have already been demonstrated not to be true of this Council. Particularly nothing is said about Council's intention to lead the community in the preservation and enhancement the Green Wedge. An important part of Leadership is to acknowledge people's dedicated commitment and service to the shared vision. In

this document there is no acknowledgement of the many years of committed scientific and anecdotal research, knowledge gained and “hard yakka” working with the land, it’s soil, waterways, flora and fauna by a range of community groups and government departments, in or surrounding Nillumbik that have tirelessly preserved and enhanced the Green Wedge. There is no clear statement of intention to draw upon this knowledge and experience. And in fact, many of these groups were not even consulted in the preparation of this Draft GWMP, or if they were, they were not acknowledged. Who did prepare the GWMP is also not acknowledged. This belies the stated intention to demonstrate transparency, respect, collaboration and strong relationships with community and other levels of government. It ignores the well identified actions and policies already known to prevent irreversible harm to the environment and those currently being developed, not mentioned in the Sustainability and the Precautionary Principle section. This gives rise to questioning the grasp that Council and the preparers of the GWMP have on the preservation of the Green Wedge. The State Government’s guiding principles for preparation of a GWMP (PPN 31) are also in many respects, have been ignored in the preparation of this Draft GWMP. This belies the statement under the Whole of Shire Approach section that the Council accepts that “overall planning is controlled by the state government,” as well as statements under Collaboration and Connectedness claiming “recognition of dependencies between Nillumbik, other communities and other levels of government.” No other Green Wedge communities or groups are mentioned as having been consulted. Manage change for future benefits and Social Equity raise the question of what kinds of changes are being referenced and who receives the benefits? The references to changes to planning regulations and what is called “balance” of environmental and private needs that occur later in the GWMP under objectives and actions are very concerning. Aboriginal Voice There is not even a hint how this learning is intended to take place, or from whom. No mention of Aboriginal groups or individuals working in this field of bushfire management, or environmental flora and fauna preservation and enhancement. Safety, well-being and resilience as are described are of course desirable as is Conserving and Enhancing Heritage.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goals Goal 1: Engaged connected communities (preserving the Green Wedge) The words 'preserving the Green Wedge' should be added. There are many flowery words about people, but very little demonstration that the Council or the preparers of the GWMP have any idea of who are the people and groups already committed and having acted for years and years with many thousands of hours of volunteer work preserving the Green Wedge to date. Not a single one of the many volunteer organisations is mentioned. Most of the Objectives and Actions under Goal 1 are reasonable. However, of great concern and unacceptable is the dot point on page 21 "brokering opportunities with state government...to leverage change." The same goes for the following statements on page 22 regarding, "change and land uses, including housing or economic development, and 're-examining constraints concentrating any new housing within townships." These are statements which flag Council intends to work toward planning regulation changes which would weaken Green Wedge protections, even though the Council states, "Changes to Municipal laws are not proposed," and even though consideration of such planning changes were not cited or recommended by the majority of the Community Panel as needing to be considered for preserving and enhancing the Green Wedge.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 2: Active and creative people I'm not quite sure why this is the title of this section. It could more appropriately be titled something like "Preserving our Green Wedge supports active and creative people" Most of the Objectives and Actions are fine. Key action A.2.7 is unacceptable, in its inclusion of the phrase "allowing prohibited uses" which should be edited out.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments Goal 3 should read: Safe and healthy biodiverse environments "Healthy and safe communities enjoy living in our iconic green wedge environment. " This statement below the goal should read something like: "Our iconic Green Wedge environment contributes to the health and well-being of residents and visitors alike." On page 29 "no net loss to biodiversity, deer management strategy" – all

good, (but what is meant by “balance between protection and how we use the land?”) Page 29 is fine except for this reference to this kind of ‘balance’ concept raises alarm bells warning of a Council’s intention to weaken protections. This has been encountered again and again in Green Wedge Councils. Again, page 31 brings in “thinking differently” but how? “adaptive yet balanced in outcomes” again raises alarm bells. Usually when Councils talk about balance, they mean balancing private interests in promoting development with environmental protections. With this kind of thinking, environmental deterioration is virtually guaranteed. A3.9 indicates Council intends “a future review of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme consider identified landscape character and quality through the current policies and overlays that apply.” I’m not even sure what that statement means? It doesn’t make sense. The only meaning I can gather is that Council intends to review the Nillumbik Planning Scheme in order to make changes mentioned on page 29 and 31. This is a subversion of what a GWMP should be supporting.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy Again, I’m confused as to why this is a goal for the GWMP. It is certainly desirable for the Shire. Perhaps it should read, “Preserving the Green Wedge contributes to a prosperous economy.” O.4.4 Certainly, the effect of horses on land should be well documented and managed, so the Council developing a sustainable management of the equine community is welcome. A4.8 is of great concern and is another point which confirms Council’s intention to weaken environmental protections in favour of business interests by ‘altering planning controls.’ This is a section requiring detailed clarification as to which planning controls the Council proposes altering and in which way and why? Again, this was not a recommendation of the majority Community Panel.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership Should read something like: Responsible leadership towards preserving the Green Wedge and proactively preventing climate deterioration "Collaborative and consultative leadership that builds trust and makes the best use of available resources to the benefit of all in the pursuit of excellence." This phrase appearing under Goal 5 is also strange in that it proposes to build trust but contains nothing about what is most important in a GWMP – the environment – and it ends in a

virtually meaningless phrase “the pursuit of excellence,” a phrase so vague as to increase distrust. The issue of polarisation of strongly held views was stated as if these views were equally represented in the community, whereas the greater majority argues for maintaining regulation and enforcement because this is how the Nillumbik Green Wedge has been successfully maintained to the level it is so far. The word ‘many’ used in this paragraph is too vague and misleading. In this respect this is not "Responsible Leadership" and increases polarisation and misunderstanding of the value of regulation and enforcement to all in the community. Regulation has been sustainable, contrary to the statement on page 40. Definitely education, raising awareness and facilitation are in themselves empowering. However, empowering a minority of landowners with private visions for their own benefit over that of the greater good, is not desirable and not "Responsible Leadership" for an inclusive and cooperative management of the Green Wedge. Definitely bringing people together and providing them with knowledge skills and a shared understanding – particularly of Green Wedge fragility and complexities – in a humanistic way is very desirable in helping them accept the regulations and the values they support and how they are personally benefited by the greater good produced by the preservation and enhancement of environmental natural spaces, flora, fauna and biodiversity, and how they can contribute to these values. Contrary to the statement on page 40, “Places are created by people” the opposite is true. Places draw people to them. Especially Green Wedge places. People can maintain and enhance Green Wedges, but they already existed naturally and were 'created' by people only in the sense of recognition of their value, naming and protecting them. Very concerning is the statement: “Further examination is warranted to determine whether the current application of the zones to private land hinders any of the objectives of this plan, particularly in relation to the promotion of agriculture and tourism, the consolidation of population around townships and the management of the rural areas on the fringe of the Urban Growth Boundary. “ If the GWZ is working, as is subsequently stated, why is further examination warranted? Also very concerning is the statement that requiring a planning permit for cleared land is an inhibitor to the GWMP’s objectives. This is not true. Requiring a planning permit does not remove people’s right to farm or have a tourism activity in conjunction with farming. It just means these people, like everyone else in the Shire require a planning permit for development activities on the land – even private property. Even renovations require planning permits, so why not changes to land use? If the changes are positive according to protections then - no worries the permit will be approved. A planning permit process allows neighbours and Council to assess the possible broader effects of such changes and if they are desirable, not invasive or destructive. Removal of requirement for planning permits opens the door to unwanted land use changes. Actions A5.6, A5.7, and especially A5.8 are very concerning, not recommended by the Community Consultation and again pointing to Council’s intention to make changes not supportive to preserving the environment . At the very end of a very long and complex document A5.8 states outright and most specifically Council’s intention to ‘reform of green wedge policy and planning provisions.” How many individuals attempting to give feedback would have the stamina to engage with all these complexities right to this very final revelation? This statement and revelation of Council’s intention undermines all the positive statements for preserving and enhancing the Green

Wedge, made previously in this Draft GWMP. It runs counter to all previous effective Green Wedge protections. It gives rise to questioning what is really meant by 'management.' My dictionary states the meaning of the word is 'control.' It also states the original, underlying or 'archaic' meaning of the word 'management' is 'trickery' or 'deceit.' Hopefully this interpretation will be corrected by a more transparent process, involving more input by environmental protection specialists in community and government bodies into the next draft of the GWMP.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Five Key Moves

The five Key Moves below outline organisational changes for the long-term to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree
Key Move 2 - Strongly agree
Key Move 3 - Strongly agree
Key Move 4 - Neutral
Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Principles

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I own a 20 Acre block on [REDACTED] and would like to thank Nillumbik Council for this opportunity that allows the land owners and the other residents of Nillumbik to give feedback on the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan. To maintain focus, this response will only attempt to address my four primary concerns that I believe should be more rigorously addressed by the new Plan. 1) I congratulate council for involving the community in the formulation of the plan and for clearly identifying to all readers that 79 per cent of our green wedge is actually privately owned by landowners who represent 25% of the total community. Surely in a democratic society such as ours shouldn't the rural land owners therefore have 79% representation to the Council for issues concerning the overall green wedge with a potential 100% involvement with purely rural green wedge matters? 2) From my experience, since buying my property almost 7 years ago, without exception, all the land owners I have met have demonstrated an overwhelming level of care for the environment, in its entirety, not just for the endangered flora and fauna that can be found on their land. They also fully recognise that the preservation of human life should be of paramount importance in a bushfire prone area such as ours. This attitude should be of paramount importance throughout the Plan. The draft plan makes reference to many of the issues facing rural residents, including bushfire mitigation and climate change, however there appears to be little identification of specific actions, directions or assurances that residents will have the right to rebuild their home should it be destroyed by a disaster. As stated on page 30 of the Plan: "Victoria is becoming hotter and drier, facing more periods of extreme heat and drought, reductions in annual rainfall and increases in intense rainfall events. Extreme weather events such as bushfire and flooding are becoming more frequent and severe." The above statement strongly reinforces my next issue. 3) The need for an immediate change in the current legislation that is being used to prevent or prolong the rebuilding of disaster damaged homes and should:

- mitigate the existing risks presented to the owners and residents of green wedge properties of not being able to attain planning permission to rebuild
- improve and simplify the permit application process for green wedge properties and
- reduce the time and cost of the permit application processes across the entire rural green wedge

The full trauma of bushfire risk must be hard to envisage by just watching the television news. The true reality was brought into stark relief for me and my family during the three occasions when we chose to evacuate our home, not knowing if it would be there on our return!!! On one of these occasions the fire passed less than 300m from our house. It was therefore very disturbing for me to read just recently that since the destruction of their home on Black

Saturday, now over 10 years ago, that one Nillumbik family is still striving to rebuild their family home. This is a disgrace and the legislation preventing their reconstruction should obviously be removed or severely modified. Since moving into our property, without doubt, the most negative overall aspect has been that generated by the “green activists” who seem to be totally focused on the removal of all landowners’ rights to manage their own properties, increasing the likelihood of home loss due to bushfire whilst reducing the possibility of rebuilding (for example C81 and C101) and ultimately turning Kangaroo Ground into a national forest. Since Aboriginal times, the area has been managed to be a mix of open plain/pasture and bush which accounted for the first white settlers naming it Kangaroo Ground because of the ideal combinations of shelter and pasture which allowed the animals to flourish. Therefore: 4) Finally, I also believe the new plan should endeavour to:

- reduce and reject the number of malicious and distressing objections currently received by council and VCAT to rural green wedge planning permit applications.
- reduce the number of permit applications that are being referred to VCAT and
- ensure that the bureaucratic processes associated with living in the rural green wedge are made more simple and fit for purpose.

The rural landowners are those who are burdened with the bulk of responsibility for resourcing most actions associated with the management of the green wedge. Those same residents and landowners should be supported by the law to enable them to carry out those incumbent responsibilities. [REDACTED]

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Partially

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I want to be able to build our dream family home on our property which includes sheds, outhouse, various animals, pool and extension. This would be tasteful and compliment the environment because that is why we love the area. However the vision of green wedge makes this extremely challenging and expensive.

Need to deliver a simpler, less costly and less time consuming process to gaining planning permits. And need to be ensured that we are not threatened with any future amendments like C81 and C101

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Important to recognise land management for landowners in green wedge.

Need to also acknowledge statewide population growth and how we must adapt to this.

So we need to find the medium between progress and preservation

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

[Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Need to implement controlled burning around the area so it's safe from bushfires. Also if there was a disaster, rebuilding our property shouldn't have to go through vigorous

planning process. Causes so much more pain and stress.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

We need to implement some common sense. For example we need fair and reasonable consideration for rural planning based on merit not land size where one box fits all.

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Environmental protection and reinvigoration must be central to the vision for the Green Wedge. The large majority of residents, as shown in council's initial community engagement, cherish the high environmental values of the GW and want it maintained, protected and enhanced. It must reflect that Nillumbik's GW is the most environmentally intact of all Melbourne's GWs and is for the benefit of all Melbournians.

Climate change mitigation must be included. Respect must be given to indigenous people and their culture and knowledge None of the above are mentioned or stated strongly enough.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

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Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

It appears Council has not followed State Government policy requirements in preparing the GWMP as an Implementation Plan based on Objectives and Actions has not been clearly stated as required by the State Government. There needs to be greater emphasis on care of the natural environment. The Actions to achieve this must ensure protection of All native vegetation and fauna. The current GWMP 2010-2025 has much greater detail than the draft document and should be used as a basis for improvement. There has still been consistent vegetation loss so this plan should be stronger and clearer. But it is not.

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each principle statement is very broad so it is unclear as to how they will be interpreted and applied. Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity should be included as a principle. Principles need to reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge, the decline of native plants and animals and improving the natural environment in line with state government policies like Plan Melbourne 2017- 2050. Principles contain potentially useful ideas but there should be a greater emphasis on protecting the environment.

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Neutral

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Engaging the community is important but should be framed in the context of environment protection. The shire was set up to be a conservation shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?' should be the focus rather than 'What can we get out of the land?' Working together to mitigate climate change is important. Green Wedge areas have

specific needs different to land in a normal rural shire and this must be made clear.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Green space is an important determinant of health. The shire's biodiversity is an important feature of this and should be given high priority. Dialogue with traditional custodians is important.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The importance of conserving all indigenous vegetation, both on public and private land, should be stressed. 'Balance' is used widely, however if environmental values are not uppermost other activities will inevitably suffer in the longer term. Bit by bit land clearing and grazing leaves plants and animals vulnerable to ever increasing stress and disappearance. Most land is 'disturbed' which does not mean it should be allowed to further degrade. An extensive public education campaign regarding biodiversity, ecosystems, bushfire reduction strategies, climate change etc and their interdependence should be included here.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Overall environmental protection must be the clear focus. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. Goal 4 should be renamed A prosperous Green Wedge economy. Support for local agriculture is important but the obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge must be central to the GWMP. This draft does not clearly show how sustainable land management practices will be encouraged as is required by State Planning. This draft suggests that no permit would be required to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone if the land has been previously cleared and farmed. Terminology needs to be

clearer defined. Permits should be required. The draft must state that tourism developments must be 'in conjunction' with agricultural uses. This is stated in the Planning Scheme and is necessary to lessen the likelihood for inappropriate development. Horses and other hard hooved animals have a negative effect on the environment. Actions, including education of those involved with those animals must be implemented.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Responsible stewardship requires that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents and lead the way. This draft suggests that the Rural Conservation Zone be redefined to only cover areas of higher conservation values putting at risk scattered pockets of remnant bush or sole trees which are actually in greater need of protection. Climate change mitigation should be included. Council should provide education on a range of sustainable, environmentally friendly living practices. It is council's role to significantly contribute to educating residents regarding the protection and care of biodiversity and to provide the resources to enforce policy standards. The draft proposes changes to land uses in the GW which could erode the values of the GW and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development outside the urban Growth Boundary. The UGB should remain as a hard line. The draft should recognize the role Nillumbik can play locally in attacking global problems.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As the Green Wedge has been the best maintained out of all of the Green Wedges outside of Melbourne it needs to be protected and enhanced. The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the panel report was that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any GWMP. This draft does not. The GWMP must reaffirm the shire's conservation role with the GW as its strategic focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks significant detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions and accountability measures that would ensure the long term health and purpose of the GW. There is concerning lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality.

Clearly defined actions need to be included to ensure the long term health of the GW. Invasive species must be better addressed It is essential that discussion be backed by current science, particularly with regard to the need for environmental repair and preservation and urgent climate mitigation.

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.'

Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I worry that the proposed changes will reduce protections on our environment and habitats. I think that the most important vision we can have for our green wedge is protecting our planet and community from climate change. Climate change should be the most important issue and we should have detailed information regarding how it is being taken into account and actions being taken

Five Key Moves

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1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.

4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

It appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur. • This draft fails to clearly articulate an Implementation Plan based on clearly stated Objectives and Actions and the Council Department responsible for implementation. As stated in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, 'Each GWMP will set out a series of actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation.' The current GWMP has much greater detail than this new draft, and should be used as a basis for improvement. Click here for Planning Practice Note 31 . For a comparison to the draft GWMP, Click here for the current GWMP Each of the 'Five Key Moves' contain potentially useful ideas depending on how they are applied, and there needs to be much greater emphasis on the care of the natural environment. The document needs to describe in much greater detail the ACTIONS to be taken, and each of these must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation and fauna across the Shire. Every descriptor needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity for the long term. The current GWMP 2010 - 2025 describes in much greater detail (than the new draft) the ways Council and community will ensure the protection of the green wedge. However there has been consistent net loss of vegetation. This demonstrates that any new plan must be stronger and clearer about the actions which will be taken to reverse this ongoing decline. The draft GWMP does not achieve this.

Principles

The following principles informed the creation of the Green Wedge Management Plan and will inform how the goals, objectives and key actions are to be implemented.

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- Leadership
- Aboriginal voice
- A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne
- Manage change for future benefit
- Collaboration and connectedness
- Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape
- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment. The Principles need to reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge. The GWMP must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritised in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.' An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity, and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan. As with the 'Five Key Moves', the outlined Principles contain potentially useful ideas but there needs to be greater emphasis on the protection of the environment. For example, the principle that says, 'The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its values and with a focus on long-term stewardship.' could read, "The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its biodiversity and environmental values and with a focus on long-term

stewardship.”

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but must be framed in the context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. • The plan must state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to those in an area not established as a Green Wedge. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land. This needs to be clearly stated and emphasised, as we ask ourselves, ‘How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?’, rather than ‘What can we get out of the land?’. • The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

• The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik’s biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness. • In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater

dialogue must be generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live. A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of ALL indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it THROUGHOUT the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that ALL is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise. • Goal 3 repeatedly uses the language of 'balance', and this needs to be amended as it indicates that our thinking is oppositional. It implies that there is a need to trade-off environmental health against other considerations, while international, national, and state government reports indicate that we must prioritise the health of our environment. For example, A3.12, p 33, speaks of balancing amenity, environmental considerations, private water extraction and community considerations. What needs to take place is a prioritisation of environmental considerations, as without optimal environmental health, all other activity and considerations will be constrained. • The use of stocktakes and studies [see A3.1, p32] that describe some areas of vegetation as more significant or valuable than others is alarming as it can lead to greater degradation of the environment which is already under pressure. The majority of the Shire's ecosystems are already 'disturbed' because of mismanagement, and this means we must change our ways. Every Objective and Action ought to aim for preservation and reinvigoration of the environment. One of the greatest threats to the Shire is 'death by a thousand cuts', where bit by bit land clearing and grazing leave our flora and fauna vulnerable to ever- increasing stress and disappearance. In turn this also places greater pressure on our community's overall well being. • An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. • Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP. • The need for a framework that encourages sustainable land management practices is described in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, entitled 'Preparing a Green Wedge Management Plan', and so this has to be clearly demonstrated in any GWMP. This current draft does not achieve this requirement. • The draft suggests that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) no permit should be required if the land has been previously cleared and used for farming. This definition of 'cleared land' needs greater detail – much of Nillumbik has been cleared at some stage, but thanks to regeneration it holds significant environmental qualities. Permits are essential as they can ensure any agricultural activities respect the land. It also means that residents will be informed about the piggery etc proposed for next door. • This draft must mention the fact that tourism developments in the Green Wedge need to be "in conjunction" with agricultural uses, as stated in Section 55 of the planning scheme. This clause of the planning scheme decreases the likelihood of inappropriate development. • Horses and other hard-hoofed animals have a negative impact on the environment – none of Australia's native animals have hard hooves. Impacts on habitats include erosion, water quality degradation, damage to flora, and spreading of weeds. Actions must be implemented to prevent these impacts. These must include education of the equine sector and other graziers. There needs to be greater understanding and responsible ownership of animals, ensuring that animals do not enter waterways and are not allowed to graze in the bush. This focus on environmental care must also be reflected in the proposed Nillumbik Equine Strategy.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about

these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire. • This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. • Responsible Leadership should have a section dealing with climate change mitigation in accordance with the precautionary principle. • Council ought to provide education and free, easily accessible advice to residents on a range of topics such as 'avoid - reduce - reuse - recycle', reducing meat-consumption, buying local produce and growing your own, responsible waste disposal, reduction of car-dependence, benefits of native vegetation etc. • This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement. • Key Action A5.6 and A5.7 [page 40 of the draft] propose changes to how land within the Green Wedge can be used. This has the potential to erode the values of the Green Wedge and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The UGB must be treated as a hard boundary. • The GWMP needs to recognise the leading role that Nillumbik can play; that we can be part of the solution, acting locally to address global problems. We're a relatively affluent population. Nillumbik is the perfect place to start turning things around. If not here and now, where and when?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this. • The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge. • Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that,

“The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global”. • There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire’s biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge. • The impact of invasive species – flora and fauna – is significant and this must be better addressed. • The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation, and urgent climate change mitigation. • It is necessary that we uphold the highest of professional standards throughout the Shire and its Leadership.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I have a lifelong connection to Nillumbik and the Green Wedge, having grown up on a semi-rural property in Hurstbridge. I now live just outside the Green Wedge but visit it regularly to see friends, family, and to enjoy the shire's unparalleled parks and waterways. I support the Council having a development plan, but am concerned that the plan as currently drafted is largely expressed in generalities, reducing its utility as a document to guide future planning in the shire. On the whole, the plan lacks in detail and substance, and it is difficult to discern where Council's priorities lie. This gives the impression that through the plan, the Council is attempting to be "all things to all people", rather than identifying Council's priorities for the future of the shire. This is a missed opportunity. I also believe that Council has missed an opportunity to focus on the Green Wedge's key asset (the environment), and set out a clear and concise vision of how the council will prioritise the natural environment and ensure it is maintained for the benefit of future generations. I am particularly concerned by open-ended references to "balancing" environmental protection against other factors, for example the reference to the "need" to "find the right balance between protection and how we use land" (Goal 3). Failing to make environmental protection the Council's first priority creates a risk that the

Green Wedge's key asset is irreversibly damaged at the cost of pursuing an elusive, poorly defined "balance" between environmental protection and other factors.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

There is scope within each "key move" for constructive work to be undertaken, and the "key moves" are, by and large, worthy of pursuing in principle. However, this part of the plan is again, light on detail - each "key move" is expressed broadly, with no indication as to how or when each key move will be implemented. This is particularly true of key move 2, which reads as a general statement and does not provide any detail as to how a "whole of organisation" approach is to be adopted, or how it will be possible for residents to know when "key move 2" has been implemented. The "key moves" appear tied to implementing "the plan" (page 14), but as noted in the general comments above, "the plan" itself is expressed overly broadly and in generalities.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I very much agree with each of the principles underscoring the implementation of the plan. However, the plan again lacks any detail as to how each "principle" will guide the implementation of the plan, leaving the scope of the plan, or the extent to which each principle is to contribute to its implementation, open to interpretation. I would also support the council putting a greater emphasis on the protection of indigenous heritage and the environment.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

As noted above, "Goal 3" expresses the need to balance environmental protection *against* various other factors. Although the continuing pressure on the environment and sustainability are undeniable realities in a modern, growing city like Melbourne, failing to make environmental protection the Council's key priority puts the Council's greatest asset, the environment, at risk of being permanently and irretrievably damaged. We need only look at the large scale development in nearby growth suburbs, such as South Morang and Whittlesea, to see how quickly open spaces can be closed in, to the ever lasting detriment of native flora and fauna.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I support (as I'm sure everyone in Nillumbik does) this goal in principle. However, the plan misses an opportunity to set out a vision for how ongoing economic prosperity can be achieved in an environmentally sustainable way. Additionally, on page 40, the plan states (in the context of the RCZ) that "land already cleared for agriculture cannot be used for that purpose without a planning permit", which is said to inhibit the plan's objectives. This is a worryingly broad statement. Firstly, the amount of land which has already been cleared is not identified. Secondly, it is not apparent how the definition of "cleared" land has been applied.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Draft Green Wedge Management Plan feedback Form Submission

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.'

Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Climate change mitigation must be an overarching Goal for the GWMP and therefore must be addressed in the Vision. It must inform all objectives and actions such as regenerative agriculture, fire management, waste management, bush regeneration, education, and economic strategy. Throughout the draft, the repeated mention of just adapting to climate change leaves the reader with the impression that Council has basically thrown their hands up in the air suggesting there is nothing that they nor Nillumbik residents can do to tackle climate change. This is not true and must be part of every day action.

Five Key Moves

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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

It appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur.

Principles

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- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater dialogue must be

generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live. A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

n additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

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Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation, and urgent climate change mitigation.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The Vision should be about the geographical area we call the Green Wedge; NOT the community which happens to be living IN the Green Wedge. By focusing on, "supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community living in the landscape..." council is seeking to transform what should be a geographical management plan, into some kind of social/economic/settlement/emergency management plan with some fringe environmental concerns tacked on. This is not acceptable. The existing GWMP's vision statement made it very clear it was the Green Wedge which was the focus and "natural and cultural values" the priority. A GWMP Vision should also refer to the purposes of green wedges as laid out in the overarching state planning strategy, Plan Melbourne. The draft Vision attempts to redirect attention to the needs of some landowners rather than to ensuring our Green Wedge is protected. The Vision needs to be re-written.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Move 1: Sounds reasonable but I'd need to know what the main purpose of the service would be. Move 2: Completely downgrades the importance of the natural environment and implies it will be traded-off against other considerations like, emergency management, economic development, agriculture etc. "Robust conversations", under the current council, implies a tough new line on environmental matters in favor of development/landowner interests. Move 3: Sounds reasonable, but given the draft Vision statement I'd be worried how the 'conversations program' would be managed and directed; what its priorities would be; whether the main purpose would be environmental sustainability or something else. Move 4: Given some other objectives and actions in this draft Plan, I'm wary about how this service for townships would be used. i.e. would it include a township expansion plan which would mean an erosion of the Green Wedge? Move 5: A stock-take which suggests that agricultural activity and hobby farming are just as valuable and in need of protection as 'environmental assets', where the purpose of the RCZ zone prioritises conservation, is highly provocative. This 'Key Move' seeks to undermine the purpose of a state-mandated land use zone which has helped to protect our Green Wedge for many years. Neither 'agricultural activity' nor 'hobby farming' are in any way whatsoever under threat and in need of 'protection'. If the draft assumes they are under threat it should've explained exactly what that threat is so it could be assessed by participants to this response sheet.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Neutral

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The principles could be regarded as 'motherhood statements' and therefore need not be questioned. However further clarification IS called for: What does a 'whole of shire approach' mean? If the Vision statement unambiguously prioritised environmental sustainability, then I wouldn't question this Principle. But it does need to be questioned. Likewise, what does 'future benefit' mean? Benefit for who or what? Benefit for a noisy minority who own land in the Green Wedge; benefit for all Nillumbik residents; benefit for Melbourne, the Green Wedge landscape and biodiversity? Further information is needed.

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Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in

support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Again, the objectives and key actions are mostly uncontroversial but with several important exceptions: There is nothing in this section about discouraging further residential development of undersized lots, and nothing about not compromising environmental, landscape or neighborhood character values; and nothing about retaining township character and boundaries. Action A1.6 assumes that land in our green wedge of sufficient size, should be developed with a dwelling. This ignores the zone requirements that makes dwellings conditional on environment protection. Action A1.7 opens the way for 'buffer' areas around the UGB on rural land which must be rejected because it would compromise the amenity of our Green Wedge. Action A1.9 should emphasize that infrastructure and transport improvements must not urbanize what is meant to be a non-urban area.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Further information required: Mostly the objectives and key actions are uncontroversial with one exception: Action A2.7 includes, 'allowing prohibited uses of heritage places if.....'(they) are in line with planning policy objectives." What objectives would justify allowing a prohibited use? This lacks transparency and obviously needs further clarification. Why the ambiguity?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

03.1: Protection and enhancement of biodiversity and habitats needs to extend beyond just what is 'valuable'. 03.2: This objective should be under Goal 1 because it's about communities. 03.3: This is about community safety so it should also be under Goal 1.

03.4: ditto 03.5: A worthy objective but should include biodiversity, and should have a matching Action which achieves this objective. It doesn't. 03.6: Council should share responsibility for catchment improvement. Why not? A3.1: See comments on Five Key Moves, Move 5. There is no explanation as to why agriculture and hobby farming in the Green Wedge need to be protected. From what? A3.2: The ESOs have already been reviewed under previous council. Why waste more money in another review? A review should not be "subject to the findings of A3.1". Action 3.2 suggests agriculture and hobby farms should not be subject to the requirements of the zone control - i.e. conservation ensured by an ESO overlay. Where significant habitat exists, 'protecting' hobby farms from ESOs undermines Planning Scheme provisions and the Rural Conservation Zone. A3.3: See previous comments on Move 2 (above). Suggests decisions will be made by officers in a non-transparent manner, where 'community resilience' is the priority. 'Robust discussions' are sure to downgrade the importance of environment protection given all the competing considerations. A3.5: Worthy actions when taken at face value, but, in the context of the limit placed on ESO applications (A3.1 and A3.2) and the reluctance to use regulation as a control, this action is very unlikely to address the extent of biodiversity decline. A3.6: Why isn't climate change mitigation a part of this action? The Green Wedge acts as a carbon sink so vegetation protection and wise management could assist to slow climate change. Why no mention of mitigation? A3.9: Landscape protection won't be achieved through 'the current policies and overlays that apply'. This action responds to the demands of a small minority of shire residents who campaigned against C81. It sells out the public interest.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

04.2: The phrase "the right to farm" needs explanation. Farming in the Green Wedge is permitted of course, so why do we need 'a right'? This is really about avoiding environment protection conditions of permit which is necessary in the RCZ zone. So it's an attack on our planning scheme. This is not the role of a Green Wedge Management Plan. A4.3: See comments on Key Move 5 (above). Agriculture and hobby farming are compatible with the RCZ zoning where biodiversity and habitat are protected as well. That's what the zone is for. A4.8: See previous comments about the 'right to farm'. This action is an attack on zone controls which are fundamental for a sustainable green wedge. This action seeks to undermine Planning Scheme provisions which is not the role of a GWMP.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

A5.5: Seeks to use the Plan to undermine the Planning Scheme. This is not the role of a GWMP. A5.2: See comments on Key Move 2 (above) This action is designed to remove environment protection as a priority for the GWMP and make it just one consideration among many. A5.3: See previous comments on Key Move 3. A5.5: See previous comments on Key Move 5. This action seeks to undermine zone provisions/controls which is not the role of a GWMP. A5.6: A review of current zoning will undermine sustainability of the green wedge. This attacks the Planning Scheme. Provocative! A5.7: This action is questioning the UGB as a hard edge. The UGB is a fundamentally important element of the Green Wedge. A5.8: It's inappropriate to be advocating radical changes to our Planning Scheme.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

It's been disappointing in the extreme to see council officers ignoring community feedback and survey results which clearly showed the majority wanting to see environmental protection for the Green Wedge. Council ended up turning the community panel process into something of a farce when a submission (it wasn't a minority report) by just 5 panel members was given more credibility than the community panel report supported by 80% and more. It's been clear that council has been determined to bring in a GWMP which will get the approval of a small group of landowners, regardless of how the rest of the community feels. Government guidelines (Plan Melbourne and Practice Note 31) appear not to have been complied with, and there's been no external oversight of the review process. The community panel repeatedly requested that the panel should be reviewing the current GWMP. This request was listened to, then largely ignored by the consultants. Senior management clearly approved of this. A disillusioning process all round.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The Victorian Green Wedge Planning Zones are aimed at conserving the natural environment of the Green Wedge and this plan should be supporting the zones not trying to undermine the RCZ and its conservation responsibilities as this draft does. In light of the current climate emergency Nillumbik should not be weakening the Green Wedge Management Plan to protect our natural environment.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

There are no commitments to actually addressing the environmental issues of Climate change and Biodiversity which featured as action in the last GWMP. The Key Moves completely misrepresent what managing the Green Wedge is actually about and pay lip service to engaging the community in protecting the Green Wedge.

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Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These Principles almost totally ignore what should be the major objective of the GWMP – to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation. (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050) The problem is not what is written in the GWMP draft, but what is omitted. "Manage change for future benefit" could mean anything. High rise apartments? I'm sure some would consider that a 'future benefit'; even if it meant destroying the fabric of the green wedge to do it. The principles should be clearer to highlight that the purpose of the Green Wedge Management Plan is to effectively manage the Green Wedge, not to attempt to produce profit for landowners at the expense of biodiversity and climate change.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The preamble, objectives and actions of this goal almost totally ignore what should be the major objective of the GWMP – to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation. (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050).

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Again, this goal seems to completely miss the point of the GWMP which is to protect the Green Wedge: to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

"Identify, protect and enhance valuable biodiversity and habitats." - The use of the term 'valuable' is concerning as it suggests that some biodiversity is considered 'less valuable' and therefore not worth protecting. The point of the Green Wedge Management Plan is to manage the Green Wedge, not to determine what is worth protecting and what isn't. We need wildlife corridors, we need clean waterways. This goal does not do enough to support these concerns.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

There is no economy on a dead planet. It seems like the GWMP is prepared to sacrifice the Green Wedge in exchange for economic output. That is unacceptable. Economic activity that supports the Green Wedge is what should be promoted and supported in this plan, as this plan is about the Green Wedge Management.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

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Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The current Draft GWMP opens the way for Nillumbik to do the opposite and allow the further decline of its natural environment, the very asset that make it so suitable for a green wedge. The main overriding message from the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the GW and they want it to be maintained, protected and enhanced. This strong message is not carried through in any way in the current GWMP draft.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Not enough emphasis on environmental issues and/or the impact of climate change.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

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Key Move 5 - Disagree

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no system in place for action plans, responsibility for implementation and evaluation.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each principle should have at its' heart an emphasis on the environment and biodiversity

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Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

too broad - motherhood statement

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Motherhood statement with no substance

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Needs more clarification and a community education program

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Environmental and biodiversity values must come first and inform.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I am most concerned about the many references to "ageing in place" peppered throughout the draft Plan. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines aging in place as "the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level. Most adults would prefer to age in place—that is, remain in their home of choice as long as possible. In fact, 90 percent of adults over the age of 65 report that they would prefer to stay in their current residence as they age". The minority group of 5 and the author of the draft Plan have hijacked the term to suit their own purposes. If you take Hurstbridge for example, there is very little flat land, close to transport and facilities suitable for diverse housing, and I would imagine this would also apply to the other green wedge townships. Developers are not attracted to lower their profit margin by building single storey, accessible housing, so all recent developments have been multistorey units, unsuited to retirement living. The assumption is that land outside the Urban Growth Boundary will need to be rezoned to accommodate building diverse housing or retirement living, when in fact very few would be seeking this sort of accommodation "Dependent Persons Unit Ageing in place is hampered by a lack of housing diversity. The planning provisions state that for both Green Wedge Zone and the Rural Conservation Zone only a single dwelling is allowed per lot. The State's planning policy encourages new housing to be developed in existing urban areas that have access to services, facilities and are accessible by public transport. Councils are now expected to produce a housing strategy for the whole municipality that identifies its housing needs and how it intends to meet them. For Nillumbik, this will need to consider the specific housing needs of an ageing population and different housing options to allow people to remain in the Shire (age-in-place). Additional housing in rural areas beyond subdivision controls would be contrary to State policy. Council regularly receives enquiries regarding subdivision of land which is prohibited as the lots are below the minimum sub-division requirements. In some cases the enquiry has been raised to support ageing residents remain in place with adult children moving into the family home, and taking responsibility for managing the land and buildings. In these cases, a potential solution may be the use of a Dependent Persons Unit (DPU) defined in the planning scheme as - "a moveable building on the same lot as an existing dwelling and used to provide accommodation for a person dependent on a resident of the existing dwelling" In reality the Positive Ageing Strategy has not come to grips with preparing a diverse housing plan and certainly has not taken into account that Ageing In Place refers to older residents remaining in their existing homes as long as possible, probably with the assistance of a Commonwealth Care package. Any subdivision by stealth on RCZ land should be banned Any discussion of ageing in place should be removed from the draft Plan until a Shire wide Housing policy is formulated. Please check the following link: https://www.ahuri.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0016/2806/AHURI_Positioning_Paper_No79_Ageing_in_Place_Intergenerational_and_intrafamilial_housing_transfers_in_later_life.pdf.

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Living in Nillumbik was a deliberate choice for my husband and I. We moved here in December 2008 from Fitzroy with a 10 month old baby and a second due only months away.

The green wedge was the attraction. We wanted to live in an area that had the benefits of both access to 'the big city' and the bush.

I grew up in country NSW and had lived on a hobby farm for part of my childhood outside Bathurst. My father commuted into Bathurst to his job and my siblings and I would catch two buses for the hour plus trip to school and then the hour plus trip home at the end of the day.

I loved the trees, the kangaroos, the possums, the goannas, the shingle backs and blue tongue lizards and all the birds. We had horses, a milking cow, chickens, a vegetable garden, and neighbours who were fulltime farmers. We had plenty of fresh air and open space.

I learned the importance of conserving water (as we drank and bathed and washed in what fell from the sky). I learned the importance of community during the hardship of bushfires and drought. I learned about nature and native fauna and flora. I learned about the environment and the beauty of the bush. I learned about the importance of standing up to protect what you love. In the 1980's the Federal Government wanted to turn much of the land between Bathurst and Orange into an Army Base to be used for Army training and military and munitions exercises. This was thwarted by the public protest of a small group of farmers and families like mine who cared deeply for where we lived and the lifestyle we loved.

Now all these years later, I feel that where I live and the lifestyle we love is under threat. When we moved to Nillumbik, I believed we were living in the Green Wedge, the lungs of Melbourne. I felt a strong connection to the rural townships, the residents on properties and the 91% of the shire that is zoned Green Wedge. I felt that Eltham was part of the Green Wedge and was surprised to discover only last year that it technically it wasn't. Despite the various definitions of zones, (urban, green wedge, green wedge A, special use and rural conservation zones) Nillumbik residents I speak with feel strongly about protecting the Green Wedge especially it's rural conservation zones.

1. I am very concerned with this draft Green Wedge Management Plan and it's push to "new productive land uses". This fear is based on witnessing the accelerated urban growth in neighbouring Whittlesea Shire in Doreen along Yan Yean Road right across Donnybrook Rd to Kalkallo and the replacement of rural land with housing. 79% of our Nillumbik Green Wedge is under private ownership. I believe there is an intention by many of these private owners to push for rezoning of their land to cash in on this development bonanza. I believe there is push by this Council for rates revenue over Green Wedge protection.

This draft plan and its' goals, objectives and key actions, to me reads more of enhancing human activity in the Green Wedge than of protecting the Green Wedge. Of major concern to me are statements that look to weaken the Rural Conservation Zones in Nillumbik. p40 "Further examination is warranted to determine whether the current application of the zones to private land hinders any of the objectives of this plan, particularly in relation to the promotion of agriculture and tourism, the consolidation of population around townships and the management of the rural areas on the fringe of the Urban Growth Boundary". Will Council be adding a statement to the GWMP to enshrine the Green Wedge boundary? In the 1970's it was said that Eltham North Primary School would only ever be a small rural school. That could be said now of Christmas Hills Primary School. What will it be like in 40years time? Will the land around it be built up built out as have been the orchards, chicken, pig farms and natural landscapes of Templestowe, Eltham, Eltham North, St Helena, Sherbourne, Diamond Creek? Eltham North Primary School is now an overcrowded suburban school. It is up to us to protect our valuable natural assets.

2. I am enormously worried about the removal of tree canopy across Nillumbik, especially in our urban areas following the 2009 bushfires. Whilst I understand the need

to mitigate for bushfires I see in reality the removal of trees on a daily basis for increased housing, roads and lifestyle. The lungs of Melbourne are slowly being chopped down and our ground is being cemented over affecting water absorption back into the soil. There are plenty of reports regarding the importance of trees to lowering temperatures, providing habitat and oxygenating our air. Melbourne has the lowest tree canopy of Australian capital cities with a canopy of only 13%. I don't believe this draft plan provides adequate protection.

3. The first statement in this draft plan is an Acknowledgement of traditional owners. "Nillumbik Shire Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the Traditional Custodians of Land known today as Nillumbik. We pay respect to the Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians." This draft plan concerns me as I see no evidence of involvement of Wurundjeri in the development of this plan. Whilst the plan speaks of collaboration and connectedness, unlike Yarra Ranges Shire, Nillumbik Shire Council has no Indigenous Advisory Committee. I see Wurundjeri and other First Nations people as significant stakeholders critical to the management of the Green Wedge. On p19 the draft plan states "Aboriginal Voice: We have much to learn from our First people, particularly about caring for country" yet there appears no way for First Nations people to have input into how land in Nillumbik is managed into the future. I relish the natural landscape in Nillumbik especially around Watson's Creek and Christmas Hills. The GAWA Trial is located at Watson's Creek and my visits to this special space which honours Wurundjeri cultural history is routinely impeded by the sounds of motorbikes from the property across the road. What efforts has Council undertaken to involve Wurundjeri and Aboriginal Voice in the development of this plan and the implementation of zone changes and "new productive land uses"? Protection of cultural heritage, especially indigenous heritage is important to me and many others in Nillumbik. Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 re Cultural Heritage requires the plan "Provide for the protection and management of sites of Aboriginal and post-European settlement cultural heritage to ensure that links with the past are preserved for present and future generations to appreciate". I don't see adequate provision for this in the draft plan.

4. Environmental and biodiversity assets once gone cannot be replaced. Nillumbik Shire Council proudly states on Facebook that 400 native wildlife species call Nillumbik home. I have concerns that this draft plan fails to ensure adequate protection for native and endangered flora and fauna. What efforts have been taken to include input from Water authorities, Environmental & biodiversity authorities and the relevant State Government planning departments into this draft plan?

5. As the Green Wedge Management Plan will "inform the future of the Council Plan, Municipal Health & Wellbeing Plan and the Municipal Strategic Plan", I have great concerns over the way this draft plan could be interpreted by current and future Councillors and Council Officers in ways that damage our Green Wedge by pushing for commercial and economic advantage over environmental leadership. This is a time for local leadership for global advantage as our world faces a climate crisis. Below is an

article reported in The Guardian 8 August 2019 titled Climate crisis reducing land's ability to sustain humanity, say IPCC. UN report finds ecosystems never before under such threat and restoration is urgent.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/aug/08/climate-crisis-reducing-lands-ability-to-sustain-humanity-says-ipcc>

“The climate crisis is damaging the ability of the land to sustain humanity, with cascading risks becoming increasingly severe as global temperatures rise, according to a landmark UN report compiled by some of the world's top scientists.

Global heating is increasing droughts, soil erosion and wildfires while diminishing crop yields in the tropics and thawing permafrost near the poles, says the report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Further heating will lead to unprecedented climate conditions at lower latitudes, with potential growth in hunger, migration and conflict and increased damage to the great northern forests.

The report, approved by the world's governments, makes clear that humanity faces a stark choice between a vicious or virtuous circle. Continued destruction of forests and huge emissions from cattle and other intensive farming practices will intensify the climate crisis, making the impacts on land still worse.

However, action now to allow soils and forests to regenerate and store carbon, and to cut meat consumption by people and food waste, could play a big role in tackling the climate crisis, the report says.

Such moves would also improve human health, reduce poverty and tackle the huge losses of wildlife across the globe, the IPCC says”.

6. My final concern has been the push by this Council to fast track a new GWMP when a current plan is in place. I believe this plan needs to have a long-term view like the Plan Melbourne Plan 2017-2050. This draft GWMP states that “It is intended that it provide direction over the next decade” p43 and p43 also states “the plan is intended to be one of the most important in Council's strategic planning hierarchy and will be intrinsic to its way of doing business rather than standalone as yet another plan competing for resources.” On this basis, the GWMP needs to have a long-term view and one that focuses on our climate crisis.

Five Key Moves

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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Principles

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Strongly object to any zoning changes to the present one that protects our precious and vitally important natural environment and the bushland surrounding our townships.

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I don't see them as being necessary

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Don't have any views on these. Of paramount importance is the protection of the green wedge and the townships from development

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Where is the detail or key actions? One cannot make an informed decision when there is a worryingly lack of detail. Environmental protection and reinvigoration must be central to the Vision for the Green Wedge. The draft does not state this strongly enough, despite it being a Strategic Focus for the Shire. Appendix 1 of Council's draft quotes the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' Council's initial community engagement clearly demonstrated that the large majority of Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it maintained, protected and enhanced. This view was also expressed by the majority report of the Community Panel. Council's draft does not reflect strong enough support for the Community's position.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Again, there is not enough detail outlined across these key moves, notably when it comes to actions relating to the protection of our local ecosystems. Every descriptor needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity for the long term. It appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment. The Principles need to reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge. The GWMP must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritised in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.'

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Not enough detail outlined to make an informed decision. The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but must be framed in the context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Not enough detail outlined to make an informed decision. The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness. In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater dialogue must be generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live. A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Not enough detail outlined to make an informed decision. The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of ALL indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it THROUGHOUT the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that ALL is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Not enough detail outlined to make an informed decision. This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Not enough detail outlined to make an informed decision. Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire. This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I want my children to grow up in a clean environment, with clean energy, clear air and an abundance of natural wonder. Please do not take this away from future generations. The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this. The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge. Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global". There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

There is very little detail outlined, making the vision unclear. It is critical that the environment be at the centre of any future plans for the Green Wedge - conservation and the biodiversity of the region is of paramount importance to those who live within the Green Wedge.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Again, there is almost no detail outlined regarding all five key moves. The document needs to describe in much greater detail the ACTIONS to be taken, and each of these must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation and fauna across the Shire. Lastly, it appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each principle is, again, very broad and without detail. What are the actions? I am concerned by the increased white anting of our Green Wedges. An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity, and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan Our community it committed to protecting the natural ecosystems that we are so fortunate to live within. We insist that the local Council reflects our wishes by better conserving the Green Wedge and ensuring we keep intact what makes this region so special.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I do not support this, as I once again am not given enough detail to make an informed choice. The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but must be framed in the context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change

and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I do not support this, as I once again am not given enough detail to make an informed choice. The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness. In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater dialogue must be generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live. A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

I do not support this, as I once again am not given enough detail to make an informed choice. The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of ALL indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it THROUGHOUT the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that ALL is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise. An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I do not support this, as I once again am not given enough detail to make an informed choice. This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I do not support this, as I once again am not given enough detail to make an informed choice. Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire. This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement. Key Action A5.6 and A5.7 [page 40 of the draft] propose changes to how land within the Green Wedge can be used. This has the potential to erode the values of the Green Wedge and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development

outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The UGB must be treated as a hard boundary. The GWMP needs to recognise the leading role that Nillumbik can play; that we can be part of the solution, acting locally to address global problems. We're a relatively affluent population. Nillumbik is the perfect place to start turning things around. If not here and now, where and when?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As a young woman concerned by the climate emergency, I urge the Council to please take leadership in conservation and protect our future. The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this. The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge. Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global". There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge. The impact of invasive species – flora and fauna – is significant and this must be better addressed. The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation, and urgent climate change mitigation. It is necessary that we uphold the highest of professional standards throughout the Shire and its Leadership

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Given the panel reviewed the current plan and stated that "The panel acknowledges the significant amount of work and expertise that has gone into preparing the existing plan. The Panel reviewed the current principles guiding the Green Wedge Management Plan. All remain relevant." I do not understand the rationale for reviewing and updating the plan in the first place. The key changes and intent does not seem inline with strengthening and increasing protections of the native landscape, but instead appear aimed at increasing housing development, agricultural use and tourism. I do not support that vision.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Move 4 Not sure why this is necessary "comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships to strengthen their identities and attractiveness as service, population, tourism, community and cultural centres." In a plan for conservation, of the environment and conservation of the natural elements of the green wedge. Move 5 Why stocktake without stating the purpose and benefit.

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Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

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Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Manage change should be about managing "pressure on our precious Green Wedge resources and natural assets." not initiating change. Why was "Appreciation and enjoyment" removed as a principal. What does "A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne" mean, yes the whole shire must be managed, no the shire must not all be managed necessarily the same, needs vary. Why have a guiding principal on management of the green wedge that states " the green wedge's overall planning is controlled by the state government". Relationships to Melbourne would be a falsehood to state it cannot be recognised, but it exists as a pressure on the conservation needs not be an influencer on decision making.

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Strongly do not support

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This is introduced as 'A place where communities and ideas thrive, underpinned by trust, confidence and continuous learning.' but goes on with clear indications of instigating change with "Previous plans have sought to concentrate any new housing within the townships .. these constraints may have to be re-examined, subject to state government support, to enable their roles as social, economic and service centres for the green wedge to accommodate incremental growth" This is not a plan for approaching,

managing and conserving the current state that is under pressure. But pre-empts and looks to open a process to fundamentally change it, under the misleading concept and heading engaged communities.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Support in principal but wary of messages that appear to remove safegaurds like "including support of adaptive reuse of heritage places and allowing prohibited uses"

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Most initiatives appear good, have full support of A3.5, supporting community conservation and land management. But without any backstops in reviewing environmental overlays and conversations on natural environment and biodiversity values. It could be corrosive to the goals, it would be better to state intents for 'Conserve and enhance bush and rural landscapes to maintain the natural beauty of the green wedge'

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Increasing agricultural use, by encouraging farming seems opposed to the key goals and ideals of the green wedge. The majority of Nillumbik land is not useful farming land, agricultural use should be encouraged by removing all the housing estates going over appropriate farming land in the next door region of the Mernda, Donnybrook corridor.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

The intention to rezone, with the rationale of keeping zoning inline with the "objectives of this plan, particularly in relation to the promotion of agriculture and tourism" appear at odds with the objective of what I believe the objectives of the green wedge are and the panels review recommendations nowhere suggest increasing tourism and agriculture. The primary principals of conserving and sustainability and "responsibility to protecting our irreplaceable natural landscape." and "Conserve and enhance bush and rural landscapes to maintain the natural beauty of the green wedge" for example appear threatened by almost all actions listed under Goal 5.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The plan does not appear to address key Panel recommendations including the "Arrest the loss of native vegetation (habitat and biodiversity) on public and private land" and "Conserve and enhance bush and rural landscapes to maintain the natural beauty of the green wedge". But key changes appear aimed at increasing farming, tourism and reviewing the zoning, subdivision and other important protections in place to keep development in check.

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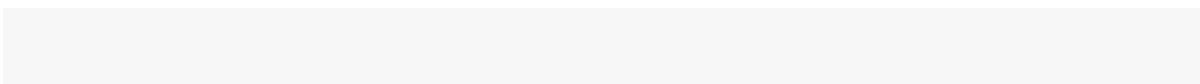
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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 4 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The key moves seem invasive with hidden agenda of increasing development opportunities in the outer areas for population expansion & growth. Not really protecting the environment from over development & destruction of the actual purpose of the 'green wedge'.

Zero expansion & less destruction of the environment in which the green wedge was created to protect. Seems to have been forgotten by successive Nillumbik councils/councillors.

As a born & bred Nillumbik resident I oppose the draft strategy.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly disagree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The principles are flawed with hidden agenda of pro development.

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Do not support

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Do not Support

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Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

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Support

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on the Green Wedge Management Plan. I applaud council for involving the community in shaping the future plan and for recognising that 79 per cent of the green wedge is privately owned. Council has referenced many issues facing rural residents, including bushfire mitigation and climate change although it appears there is little in the way of direct action proposed, rather a lot of 'robust conversation' anticipated. Moving into the idyllic rural area of Kangaroo Ground over six years ago my family were somewhat naïve about the inherent dangers of a bushfire prone area. We have since had a dramatic learning curve involving several evacuations and become more proficient in identifying risks through CFA home assessments and workshops. Not knowing if you will have a house to return to when evacuating because of bushfire certainly sharpens the mind to risks and ways to mitigate them! We have found our fellow landowners to be as passionate as ourselves in their care for their environment, their knowledge of flora and fauna and their desire to preserve our precious piece of paradise. Slashing, weeding, and maintaining our 20 acres of land has given an excellent understanding and appreciation of those we share it with – the kangaroos, swamp wallabies, wombats, kookaburras, wedge tails eagles, the list goes on. I believe that working hands on with our properties gives us a unique relationship with our land, something that those who live outside the wedge cannot share, no matter how 'green' they may believe themselves to be. We want to know that council is doing everything it can to save lives, human and animals, in the event of a bushfire. Should the worst happen and we lose everything in a fire we want to know we have the right to re-build on site without the trauma of planning permits and consents which could leave us homeless for years. Therefore the two issues I want council to address more thoroughly are the mitigation of bushfire risks and housing security. One of the five goals for managing the green wedge is 'Safe and Healthy Environments' and one of the challenges cited in the plan is 'The risk of bushfires and the need to manage land to reduce its impacts.' I support the creation of a comprehensive landowners information and support service as one of the five key moves. Council should work closely with those who live in the green wedge, being mindful of the state planning policy framework applied to rural living which includes: • Protection of human life from bushfire being the top priority • Protection of agriculture and prevention of the loss of agricultural land to other uses These statements are in line with the recommendations made by the Royal Commission into the 2009 Black Saturday Fires. I am heartened to see on page 29 under Environmental Conservation that council wishes to promote and support environmental care and stewardship by assisting private landowners in best practice

land management, acknowledging they own the majority of land and vegetation in the green wedge. Council clearly accepts and understands the dangers posed by climate change as stated on page 30 'Adapting to a changing climate and our bushfire prone environment, Victoria is becoming hotter and drier, facing more periods of extreme heat and drought.. Our biggest natural threat within the green wedge is bushfire and it extends beyond our boundaries.' I believe reducing those dangers is the greatest responsibility council needs to address in the Green Wedge Management Plan. Formulating policies to help landowners safeguard their homes and properties and providing a fast track to re-building and recovery in the event of disaster. As council so clearly recognises, the green wedge covers 40,000 hectares and 79 per cent of it is owned by 25 per cent of Nillumbik's population. Objective 1.1 recommends 'enabling our people to take greater shared responsibility for the future of the green wedge.' As responsible landowners privately owning almost 80 per cent surely that combined shareholding should have an equally large voice with council on the future care of the green wedge whilst non-green wedge residents should have a proportionately smaller involvement? We live in the wedge, we are the ones impacted by the decisions made for its future. We need to have a major voice in that future whilst being trusted to continue maintaining and preserving its natural beauty and providing safe homes and environments for our families.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I don't think there is enough emphasis on environmental issues.

The Green Wedge Vision should focus on environmental sustainability, biodiversity and retaining vegetation. There are other forums for economic and social concerns.

I don't disagree with the statement, but not sure how it would be implemented.

Five Key Moves

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2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.

5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I can't really see how these are the key actions which would be taken to ensure the protection of the Green Wedge

They don't seem "bad" things to do but not sure of relevance to Green Wedge.

Principles

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Aboriginal voice - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These sound OK, as secondary principles - but there does not seem to be any principles which specifically focus the main reasons for having a Green Wedge management plan - how to conserve Green Wedge, biodiversity etc

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I don't really understand how this would help Green Wedge as a Goal and key action. However, connected communities are a good thing, but there is nothing here to say they may all be connected and engaged in actions detrimental to the Green Wedge

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I like active and creative people, but I don't see the relevance of this statement to the Green wedge

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Again, not relevant to the Green Wedge -although a good thing in some circumstances

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Again, not relevant to the Green wedge

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I can't see any particular relevance to Green wedge. Depends where leadership takes us

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

That all seems very broad and very little of it seems directed to helping protect our Green wedge.

There are motherhood statements which sound very nice on first reading, but do not have any real meaning. Many people will agree because they are broad and nice

There are not even any general statements which are directed towards helping environmental sustainability and our landscape, not even statements which are so vague that they mean anything

I cannot see any indication of how the Green wedge would be protected, no sense of the direction

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Five Key Moves

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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree
Key Move 2 - Strongly agree
Key Move 3 - Strongly agree
Key Move 4 - Strongly agree
Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Principles

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- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

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Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I would like more detail

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

More detail needed on Actions to be taken in regard to protecting all species of flora and fauna and address the loss of vegetation

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Once again, lack of detail

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Lack of detail

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Lack of detail

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Lack of detail

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Lack of detail

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

More protection rather than less for areas of vegetation or even single trees in the Shire.
The Urban Growth boundary must be upheld.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge but as with all vision statements it is at an extremely general level so this agreement does not preclude statements which follow in this submission. I further believe that the distinction between urban dwellers and landowners should be made right up front not simply in (perhaps) 'engaged, connected communities'. Why do I say this, because in your own Plan the Green Wedge is largely owned privately (p.12 and 79% in key data) and yet has far fewer residents than the urban areas. Consequently, it will always be seen as a minority voice in important decisions that will impact on their way of life, their amenity, their concern for the environment, and their ability to maintain the landscape in a changing climate with an increased threat of larger and more severe bushfires. This is not about community consultation but about endangered human life, and that of our wild animals.

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5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The landowners' information and support service smacks of paternalism and implies that the landowners either do not have support services through their particular agricultural or hobby farm pursuits and other areas, or have no knowledge from their own education, continuing education, research, voluntary work in their area of expertise, and experience. This Key Move might not be so negative if it were not for Key Move 5. 'Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices' is completely overbearing and gives Council and its staff far too much liberty in relation to ratepayers who have bought, or are in the process of buying, their private land.

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- Conserve and enhance our heritage

- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The principles are fine. The conservation and enhancement of our heritage of the Green Wedge is particularly important in that includes recognition of our heritage in relation to culture and art and to the open spaces, largely made up of agricultural land interspersed with bushy slopes, with state parks, creeks, and the Yarra River and the people and fauna and flora who inhabit them. These points must not be forgotten. It is our heritage not the green wedge of imagination, or recently settled urban people, and even of so-called 'friends' who have no part in the heritage at all, but who fill in a name and an outside address at a tourist event. While we are providing hay for wombats and their babies in broad daylight because it has been such a difficult year in terms of rain and subsequent lack of nutritious feed, tourists are apparently without control shooting wombats for sport in an adjoining municipality. Feral deer must be controlled as they have destroyed flora in so many of our rural areas, for example, orchids and understory in Smiths Gully. This requires to be included more explicitly in Key Actions.

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

These are generally reasonable, except perhaps for 'off setting' in dot point 4 of rural living, which can become an impost in monetary terms which could then be open to abuse and not achieve the intended outcome. I strongly support protection of human life from bushfire (under state planning framework in Goal 1). In Key Actions A1.6: I strongly support this objective and Council being enabled to carry it out. Could a similar Key Action be put in place for those people who lose their house through bushfire so that they are assisted by Council Planners to rebuild within a reasonable time and at a sensible cost should the planning demands have been changed, the dwelling might be smaller to accommodate new requirements and so reduce cost in consultation with the owners. The Plan mentions resilience often but resilience is not always possible after such a traumatic experience. Council must assist this resilience not condemn it and consequent reduced mental health.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Objective 02.3 is particularly desirable to assist public health, as we now know from research that not only is heart health improved and maintained by regular exercise but so also is the brain, even to the extent of improved nerve health warding off dementia. This is important for our older residents.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

See above, and all key actions are worthy of support. My comments above in relation to climate change and bushfires are particularly relevant. Again note above my comments on feral deer and A3,4 here is strongly supported as is A3.3 in Key Actions. A3.5 is important for the environment and biodiversity. I do have some problem with, in dot point two of A3.5, the actual designation of Friends Groups which as I have explained above can be meaningless in actual commitment and local residence and knowledge. There should be a requirement that friends groups are recognised to the extent that they are made up of residents who have a legitimate say in the Green Wedge Plan. The Bushfire Occurrence map and timeline is particularly useful as are all of the maps provided in the

Plan.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

The objectives and key actions are appropriate and relevant, except as noted above for A4.3 which could be seen as unnecessarily intrusive if not handles extremely sensitively. Similarly, an explanation for the need for such 'stocktaking' and data gathering and maintaining, is not really provided. I am not aware of this coming up in the session I attended. It will also be expensive and not necessarily conducive to better practices, and from whose point of view. I strongly oppose this key action as it is written. Surely existing laws cover inappropriate behaviour on private land.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

The current zoning would appear to be appropriate, except as pointed out where land already used for farming cannot continue to be used for that purpose without a permit as it is zoned RCZ.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As you can see above I generally support the Draft Plan and consider that the Council has worked extremely hard to both develop it to this draft stage and to consult with the communities at every stage. The analysis shown of the often competing views and interests is excellent and my only concern is that there appears to be a slight leaning in terms of the Green Wedge towards what are more immediate views rather than those views which reflect the Green Wedge Heritage itself and its maintenance and conservation into the future. For this to occur there must be an emphasis on protecting human life and a tolerance for the knowledge and love about and for the life styles and undertakings of those who actually live there. Thank you for this opportunity to make a submission and congratulations on the draft plan.

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Increased housing is just increased housing- no matter the intended use or intended occupants. Increased housing will destroy the green wedge.

Five Key Moves

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2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Principles

The following principles informed the creation of the Green Wedge Management Plan and will inform how the goals, objectives and key actions are to be implemented.

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- Leadership
- Aboriginal voice
- A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne
- Manage change for future benefit
- Collaboration and connectedness
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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

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Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

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Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

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Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Strongly support

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Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I do not believe the Draft plan provides "an individual tailored approach to establish the clear role, purpose, objectives and related actions" for Nillumbik's future. It does not go far enough to preserve and enhance the Green Wedge.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The wording is ambiguous and lacks detail.

'Stocktakes' won't save our environment. The Draft does not achieve the stronger clearer path of action needed to protect the Green Wedge. I prefer the 2010-2015 version and do not want the controls weakened.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Protection of the environment is paramount.

The above principles do not sufficiently take into account the Climate Change emergency and decreasing biodiversity and threat to our future.

I support a strong Aboriginal Voice. I truly believe highly informed, careful and systematic traditional burning methods would do most to protect our communities from bushfire.

State governments change policies too..

Nillumbik should take hold of its unique opportunity as our Local Government to drive conservation of its unique assets including 'assisting the preservation of rural and scenic landscapes'.

I am concerned that the proposed 'review of the ESO' might mean a watering down of important Planning controls.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 1:

I want Nillumbik to be "a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus."

Biodiversity should be a top priority with enhancement of habitat and connectivity for wildlife.

I support government and public funding for research, increased consultation from our Traditional Custodians.

I endorse public education about biodiversity. We need to work together to protect what is precious, fragile and irreplaceable.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 2:

Maintaining the Green Wedge is what the majority of the people who live here want. (As a Warrandyte North resident, I hope that our rocky hillsides, outside the Green Wedge boundary, have enough protection from inappropriate development into the future.)

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 3:

Nillumbik is the most appropriate Shire to set a standard of sustainability and be part of the "lungs of Melbourne". We should resist contributing, incrementally, to the urban sprawl.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 4:

Prosperity and environmental protection not need not oppose each other.

Both bushland homed and estab farms are a haven where children can thrive and grow up to contribute.

I do not agree that farming should be allowed in the RCZ without a permit as the land may have been cleared earlier and then regenerated.

Tourism should continue to be linked to 'agricultural uses'.

I am concerned about hooved animals going feral in our bushland.

I know horse lovers can be passionate but conservation principles should prevail for the benefits of people and flora and fauna far beyond their paddocks.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Goal 5:

This goal must emphasize more strongly the need to maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species. (Refer to Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). Nillumbik's GWMP should lead the way.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The GWMP must reaffirm Nillumbik Shire's historic and honourable conservation role.

Rather than settling for 'adaptation' to climate change we need to actively unite and work to mitigate against it.

I am concerned about the idea of considering 'amalgamation with one or more adjoining shires in order to enjoy the benefits of a large rate base...'

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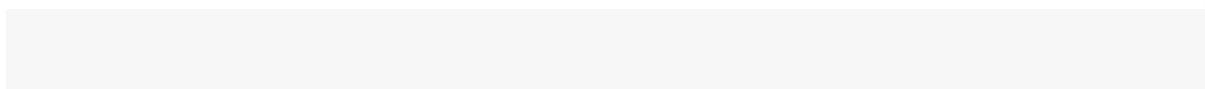
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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Can only speculate to what I am agreeing with regarding the outcome of the proposed "vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge", thus the 'partially' response.

[REDACTED]



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5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 2 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 3 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 4 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

1. No, there could not be such thing as a single 'comprehensive landowners information and support service', as the current system and what the so many residents and wildlife [floral and faunal] need has shown that diversity is at the heart of the integral importance of what Nillumbik Green Wedge stands for.
 2. 'Community resilience' can't exist either as 'social media' has already destroyed the real neighbourhoods.
 3. 'Green Wedge Conversations' sounds oxymoronic, and stupid euphemism for pretending that a green wedge exists when it no longer will.
 4. There go the townships throughout Nillumbik Green Wedge, sound like an excuse to over develop everywhere throughout Nillumbik Shire, to the 'nth' degree.
 5. Yep, squeeze out all valid reasons for having any Green Wedge integrity in terms of untouched bushland and arable land, and rural amenity and night-sky.
- None of the supposed "Five Key Moves "mean anything., except the end of the Nillumbik Green Wedge.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly disagree
Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly disagree
Social equity - Disagree
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly disagree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

[Redacted]

'Aboriginal voice' is extremely vacuous, until as a nation they are genuinely included in the Australian Federal Constitution, however Council should be caring just as deeply for the Green Wedge with or without 'Aboriginal Voice'. Sir Rupert Hamer managed it and any one else who is pro Nillumbik Green Wedge, first nation or not.

[Redacted]

Define stakeholders.

Sounds as though stakeholders get more say than ratepaying residents. Wrong, wrong, wrong.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Objectives: 01.1-7 Some Council staff do not live in Green Wedge so why would they

care what happens to it, especially if they live in urbanised eg Preston. Nobody is taking responsibility for light pollution in Green Wedge and offensively over bright light glare and spillage. Council need to take on an approach that blinding people is illegal and to be able to enforce engineered ameliorating shielding and appropriate types of lighting,

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Objective: 02.1

However, what is Council going to do about the incessant roadside littering from moving vehicles and all the excessively increasing tagging graffiti on roadside poles due entirely hooning. Click ,send, solve is NOT working. Road crews need to just deal with it. None of it is culturally enhancing.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Objective 03.5

Will not be able to conserve essence of any bush or environment if light pollution is not addressed.

Also code of conduct is need to stop lycra-lout cyclists speeding through sensitive areas extreme yelling at each other at the top of their voices every day, plus, they litter.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Objective O4.1 - You simply CANNOT have inappropriately over-lit business sites and preserve Green Wedge.

Key Action A4.8 Which means landholders lose autonomy

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Objectives 05.1-8 If Council is truly committed to making anything of this section, then it can start by taking the deliberately ignored issue of toxic all night light pollution seriously, because it is only going to get a whole lot worse.

Key Actions A5.1-9 There is nothing 'responsible' for allowing subdivision of Nillumbik's Green Wedge which is what the entire content of Key Action points 1-9 indicate. Council has an obvious conflict of interest plus there is complete lack of transparency regarding this entire section, regardless of any findings beyond DGWMP. Hands off UGB and Green Wedge.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do Not fiddle with UGB, just an excuse to erode Green Wedge, and therefore any destructive subdivision.

just because an area is not developed does not mean it should be.

[REDACTED]

Unbelievable, no accountability, dodgy, dodgy, dodgy and the timing is so bad so too is the DGWMP by association.

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Administrative boundaries

Roadways

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

There are several problems I have with the Vision. One is that the statement seems to be solely Nillumbik-resident focused by the use of "...living in the landscape..". The Nillumbik Green Wedge, being one of the most intact of all the 12 Green Wedges, should be framed as a region for all Melbournians (and others) to experience and enjoy, especially given the desire to foster tourism to the region. Another problem is that the statement lists 'environmental' together with other considerations as if they are of equal importance. In fact social and economic well being in the shire depend upon the well being of the natural environment. Thus environmental sustainability (which, given the deterioration currently occurring, should mean its reinvigoration) must be central to the Vision for the Green Wedge. Highlighting this would make the Vision more consistent with the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', referenced in Appendix 1 of the draft GWMP, which states the first priority for the Green Wedge is to "Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation."

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Key Move 1 - The wording suggests that the information and support service will only be available to, and of interest to GW landowners. This should be reworded to ensure the land use and management information and annual reporting will be available to all Nillumbik residents, so that everyone can participate in conversations and have input into how to improve the sustainability of the green wedge generally.

Key Move 2 - It is becoming clearer as time goes on that Climate Change is the main driver of increased frequency and intensity of natural extreme events, droughts, heat waves, biodiversity loss etc. As a result Key Move 2 on resiliency should give far more prominence to mitigating Climate Change rather than just 'addressing' it as part of a list of different natural phenomena. There is much that the GWMP can do to improve awareness and encourage action on ways to improve Shire resilience in the face of climate change and this key move should reflect this.

Key Move 3 - The idea of a conversations forum is very worthwhile, but, given that this action is repeated several times throughout the draft plan, I think the wording needs to emphasise the aim of achieving what is in the best interests of the Nillumbik green wedge as a whole, and the important facilitation and moderation role of council in such a forum, as part of the leadership it provides.

Key Move 4 - Agree with the idea but needs further articulation as 'planning and place management service' is not obviously understandable.

Key Move 5 - It appears somewhat disingenuous that this information is not already available to council, given the number of studies that have been commissioned or referenced in the previous GWMP. This move would sound more credible if it were to say that the wealth of disparate information from previous studies will be updated and

consolidated into a database that will be maintained into the future. Also that the information contained within the database will be available not just to landowners but to shire residents generally. Everyone being informed can only lead to better policy formulation.

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- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Some of these principles are good but wherever the natural environment is mentioned as part of a principle, it is usually in tandem with some other aspect, as if it only has significance as a sub-component combined with something else to make up a larger principle. Not only that but the use of the term 'environment' is somewhat open to interpretation for these principles (E.g. within Manage change for future benefit,

Conserve and enhance our heritage, Sustainability and the precautionary principle). Given that we are living in a time and country where climate change is on balance having a deleterious effect on our natural environment and biodiversity, there should be a standalone principle stating 'Conserve and enhance our natural native environment and biodiversity'. The three other principles mentioned previously should be reworded as follows:

Manage change for future benefit: "The green wedge is home to many people. Change will be managed in keeping with its conservation values and with a focus on long-term stewardship of the natural environment."

Conserve and enhance our cultural heritage: "The green wedge cultural heritage is an irreplaceable resource for the local and metropolitan community that needs to be conserved and enhanced."

Sustainability and the precautionary principle: "Solutions to problems need to be tailored to meet Nillumbik's unique social, economic and environmental needs now and into the future. We need to anticipate and avoid any actions that may cause serious or irreversible harm to the natural environment and the people who live within it."

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but would be better framed in the context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus.

The Draft GWMP would be better to state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to those in an area not established as a Green Wedge. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of

the whole community in stewardship of the land. This needs to be clearly stated and emphasised, as we who live in the region ask ourselves, 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?'

The statements: "Outside of the major townships, housing is limited to one dwelling per allotment (plus a dependant person's unit) but is not always possible because the size and location of many smaller allotments will not allow compliance with state planning requirements to manage bushfire risk, retain vegetation, manage effluent or protect agricultural uses. Consolidation of lots is likely to become increasingly necessary to assemble sufficient land to manage all of the requirements for a new dwelling" is not obviously clear in meaning or intent to the reader and should be rewritten. Given that aggregation of lots is generally seen as a good thing in the context of a green wedge, and the population growth of Nillumbik shire as stated in this goal section is only 0.4% p.a., the issues being raised in these statements are not immediately obvious. Please make it clearer.

Key Action A1.2 - Implement Council's Nillumbik Volunteer Development Strategy 2015-2020. - Given that we are well into the second half of 2019 it would be good to elaborate a little on what this action point is about. What has happened since 2015 and what remains to be done through to next year? Otherwise this AP just looks late and outdated.

Key Action A1.6 - What is the rationale behind the statement: "Where appropriate and with owner consent, consider government purchase of such lots where they are adjacent to public land."? Do you mean for lots that can't be combined with other lots in order to have a dwelling? Please make this clearer.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

In Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments the Draft GWMP makes reference to Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020 (the Adaptation Plan) which lays out a blueprint for action that will help our state meet the challenges and act on the

opportunities of climate change. The Draft GWMP states “The Victorian Government has put in place a new Climate Change Act 2017, established the Victorian Climate Change Framework and released Victoria’s Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020. It will lead and broker regional and local response to climate change, including research and new partnership agreements with local government.”

With respect to Victoria’s Climate Change Framework Document, under 'The four pillars for emissions reduction', one of these pillars is 'Reduce non-energy emissions and increase carbon storage', further described as 'Change industrial processes and increase carbon storage in our natural environment'. One of these is 'Forestry and Soil'. Also, a critical part of this framework is a new Climate Change Act for Victoria, referred to as the cornerstone for action to 2050. In there it states "The proposed Act, replacing the Climate Change Act 2010, will create a strong and robust framework to help us achieve our 2050 vision. It will be the strongest state- based climate legislation in Australia." An essential part of this is Carbon Sequestration, involving soil and forest carbon sequestration on public and private land. It urges everyone to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon sequestration in Victoria as far as possible.

Now, 20% of Nillumbik Green Wedge land area is categorised as agricultural land. The Draft GWMP makes much mention of Climate Change adaptation but very little if any mention of Climate change mitigation. There is significant potential for the GWMP to support CO2 sequestration in soil on Agricultural land, especially if regenerative farming techniques are encouraged to be used throughout the shire. The Draft GWMP places much emphasis on the ‘Right to Farm’ on existing agricultural land, which rightfully acknowledges the recommendation by the Community panel, yet despite the obvious win-win potential for farmers, environment (including soil, atmosphere), and consumers of the food or stock grown, there is no mention of this beneficial mitigation measure anywhere in the Draft GWMP. This is a serious omission and I suggest needs to be rectified. I would refer the GWMP author to the work of the Mulloon Institute(Tony Coote AM), Nicole Masters(The Regenerators), Charles Massy (Call of the Reed Warbler -A New Agriculture A New Earth), Stan Parsons(RCS), Allan Savory(ecologically based holistic grazing systems), Bruce Maynard(‘No Kill Cropping’), Colin Seis and Darryl Cluff and others in the regenerative farming area.

I would also point out that there is mention of CO2 sequestration in the council’s ‘Climate Change Action Plan 2016 – 2020’, but it erroneously places this as a principle towards the bottom of the Carbon management hierarchy (Page 13) based on cost, and also narrowly concludes “There is insufficient land in Nillumbik available for planting to sequester significant quantities of greenhouse gases. Some sequestration projects are supported through the purchase of carbon offsets.“. This conclusion completely ignores soil sequestration potential over the 20% of land area that is existing agricultural land in the Green Wedge.

What is even more surprising is that later in the same document (Page 41) under ‘Residual Emissions’ it states that Council would be willing to purchase products according to the National Carbon Offset Standard (NCOS). These products fund third party projects including those that sequester (remove) emissions from the air through

storage in vegetation or soil.

I strongly feel that in Goal 3 of the Draft GWMP (and in an updated Climate Action Plan) there should be a strong statement of council using the money they otherwise would have given to purchasing these offsets to encouraging, educating and supporting local GW farmers (or owners of existing agricultural lands) to regenerate their soils, get carbon credits (financial reward) via the NCOS scheme for doing so, and providing benefits for the environment, the community and their customers. I believe the criteria listed in the current Climate Change Action Plan would be satisfied for such activity, which are:

- o The project must provide abatement additional to that which would have occurred anyway, such as a requirement of a legislated scheme.
- o The project must provide permanent abatement of greenhouse gases.
- o The emission reductions must be measurable.
- o The emission reductions must be verifiable by an independent party.
- o Information about the project, methodologies used in calculations and monitoring of progress must be transparent and accessible to consumers.

I believe this would also be a a wonderful way of tapping into the Nillumbik Shire volunteer landcare and environmental groups to help resource programs to encourage, educate and assist farmers to implement regenerative farming techniques, improve soils and contribute to mitigating climate change, rather than just adapting to it. This could be one of the first agenda items for the proposed Green Wedge Conversations program.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section should clearly focus on overall environmental protection as befits the GWMP. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This should be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'.

This section should mention the fact that tourism developments in the Green Wedge need to be "in conjunction" with agricultural uses, as stated in Section 55 of the planning scheme. This clause of the planning scheme decreases the likelihood of inappropriate development.

For Objective O4.7 suggest change wording to "Strongly advocate government to make reliable mobile phone and internet access available across the Shire." Telecommunication and internet access infrastructure is a critical enabler of

allowing people to age in place within their communities, especially when transport constraints exist as they do in our shire.

For Action point A4.8 Bullet point 1 please refer to my feedback comments for Goal 5. If this bullet point implies removal of the RCZ overlay I do not agree with it. Instead there should be a streamlining of the permit allocation process. Also the definition of 'pre-existing cleared agricultural land' needs further qualification so as to exclude agricultural land that was once cleared but due to regeneration of natural flora over time now would require another round of clearing to make it suitable for new agricultural practice.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

My main concerns with the content of Goal 5 are:

- This section highlights issues around regulation and its enforcement, then devotes almost all the rest of the preamble section to the objectives and actions, painting responsible leadership as being all about Land use planning and specifically advocating to the state government that removing the RCZ zoning and replacing it with something else (presumably GWZ) is the solution to regulation issues in the Green Wedge. This is certainly not what responsible leadership is about. In my view the entire section needs to be rewritten focusing on what characterises responsible leadership per se, and how Council will behave in exercising this style of leadership across the range of issues the GWMP is meant to address.
- On the issue of advocating for a change to the planning scheme it seems to me that in spite of the negatively toned wording in the draft GWMP, if the RCZ classification still allows for agricultural practice on previously cleared land provided a permit is obtained, then surely first the permit process should be looked at being made less onerous, before consideration given for more drastic measures such as a complete rezoning, especially if the RCZ overlay has so far served to protect areas of conservation value on private land. Also, the permit process provides a data recording mechanism so that changes in GW land use over time can be monitored and inform future review and formulation of policy as it applies to land use. The way this issue is discussed in Goal 5 unfortunately wrecks of throwing the proverbial baby out with the bathwater.
- I am also worried about the potential for further ill-feeling and community division that would likely result from council advocating for any RCZ rezoning. Observing what has recently unfolded in neighbouring Manningham local council area with regard to similar issues should be cause for reflection and caution on the part of our council, if they are wanting to exercise responsible leadership.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As a general comment the draft GWMP structurally and content-wise does not place enough priority on protecting and enhancing the natural environment and biodiversity, in my view the most important reason why the state government set up the Green Wedges (GW) in the first place, and probably the most important reason for why most Nillumbik shire residents want to live in this region.

The fact that the 'The green wedge key data' section of the draft GWMP has no quantitative graphics showing environmental health-related statistics, such as historical trends in biodiversity, rainfall, vegetation cover, temperatures, soil health, pest plants and animals, humidity, GW land use types, habitat corridors etc., but overwhelmingly provides resident-related statistics, suggests an anthropomorphic bias, and I believe puts the draft GWMP out of step with the spirit and intent of having green wedges and GW Management plans. It also leaves the impression that not enough effort has been put into obtaining these important metrics that indicate the health of the Green Wedge environment, and that would have informed where priorities should be placed in the GWMP. I believe this is further reinforced by the fact that there is no dedicated section in this online form to provide feedback on the 'The green wedge key data' section. Appropriate statistical graphics can be very informative and they catch the reader's eye. The absence of natural environment health-related statistics is a significant failing of this draft GWMP.

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No

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree
Key Move 2 - Strongly disagree
Key Move 3 - Disagree
Key Move 4 - Neutral
Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The rural sector needs a have fair representation given the city people numbers will provide an unfair advantage to the rural sector.

How will the residential sector cope with the influx of kangaroos menacing.

The green wedge should never be included with rural sector.

Townships must be kept with separate to the Rural sectors.

Why do we need to have an environmental assets stocktakes, this is a breach of privacy who other than the police have the right to investigate and only as a police matter, and who would be qualified carry this out.

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- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly disagree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly disagree

Social equity - Strongly disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

If people want this, then let them purchase the land, the land is private property my family have owned the land for almost 70 years, we did not asked to have the land rezoned green wedge, non-relevant interest groups have too much say over the land of others

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

This is my family land for the past 70 years and has always been inhabited by our family since purchase, why do I have to listen to what everyone else wants.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

It is not safe on the roads and for families on their own properties with the large numbers of kangaroos/rabbets looking for feed. The large numbers have resulted in the properties not being able to graze and farm animals anymore.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

There is nothing that the Council will or is likely to do, that will make our property more viable unless they take the action on the number of kangaroos, rabbits and vermin that need addressing. The arm chair experts would never approve and we all know that this noise minority seem to have the most say.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I think it is arrogant of the council and other entities who believe that they are better educated and placed to provide LEADERSHIP to people on their own land. When asked then you may suggest a course of action but not expect the owner to agree. There have been draconian suggestions made as to how we should erect fences or not, what height, makeup etc. which have all been ridiculous in a rural area. It has proved without doubt that council have been listening to the wrong people who are ill advised and totally ignorant of any rural lifestyle or requirement.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The majority of people are urban therefore sheer numbers of these could unfairly impact on green wedge dwellers. There are wedge dwellers who are on smaller blocks - between 1 and 5 acres around our area therefore would not expect them to understand our issues either. It is clear that blocks of a few acres do not impact the Green Wedge as much as many think. I still believe strongly that blocks from 1 to 5 acres would enhance the area and also bring a more profitable outcome to Council, and make full use of the infrastructure being provided at present. It is clear that the previous

requirement of building down hills so as locals have a better view is both unhealthy and selfish. Those who made these rules clearly chose a house they could afford down the bottom of a hill and want all to others to do the same. An ideal world would see people minding their own business and living their lives and letting others do the same. Too many people want to tell us how to live.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

It needs to lead the way in safe urban-rural integration, with more planning towards enhancing communities and assisting land owners who have been managing their properties for many years.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Most land owners have been managing their properties for many years. new residents may need support. Stocktakes of environmental assets should not take precedent over lifestyle choices or hobby farms. Most rural properties in Nillumbik have existed in specific agricultural practices for more than 50 years.

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Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Our Heritage was agricultural development if we view the original survey in 1844, plus Gold Mining which set where townships grew. The latter practices phased out with further farming development which blended with the Bushland that grew after the logging industry phased out.

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Support

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Strongly support

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

More recognition of the CFA Act, and Fire Prevention activities.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

the Rural sector of the Shire should have more representation.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Our biggest concern is that residents in the urban sectors of the Shire are dictating their views into this Plan . the Residents in the Rural sectors of the shire are still recovering from Black Saturday and the Schedule 101 and 81 attacks on their lifestyle and property management.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I am concerned about the major lack of detail within the vision and the replacement of a better strategy with this much weaker "vision". I am frustrated that the council has sought out community engagement to understand what residents want for the green wedge but instead of appropriately basing the new vision on the feedback provided (by individuals generously donating their time, expertise, and travel costs to this exercise) they have chosen to largely ignore the feedback and develop a strategy which responds to a minority offshoot. Environmental protection and reinvigoration should be central to the Vision for the Green Wedge. The draft does not state this strongly enough, despite it being a Strategic Focus for the Shire. Appendix 1 of Council's draft quotes the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' • Council's initial community engagement clearly demonstrated that the large majority of Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it maintained, protected and enhanced. This view was also expressed by the majority report of the Community Panel. Council's draft does not reflect strong enough support

for the Community's position. • The GWMP must reflect the fact that Nillumbik's Green Wedge is the most environmentally intact of Melbourne's Green Wedges, is a significant part of the wider Green Wedge system, and is for the benefit of everyone, whether they live in the area or not. • Climate change mitigation must be an overarching Goal for the GWMP and therefore must be addressed in the Vision. It must inform all objectives and actions such as regenerative agriculture, fire management, waste management, bush regeneration, education, and economic strategy. Throughout the draft, the repeated mention of just adapting to climate change leaves the reader with the impression that Council has basically thrown their hands up in the air suggesting there is nothing that they nor Nillumbik residents can do to tackle climate change. This is not true and must be part of every day action. • It is vital that Nillumbik demonstrates its respect of Indigenous people, their cultural heritage and knowledge. This barely gets a mention in the GWMP despite the fact that Indigenous people have ensured the vitality of the area's biodiversity for tens of thousands of years.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

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Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

• It appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur. • This draft fails to clearly articulate an Implementation Plan based on clearly stated Objectives and Actions and the Council Department responsible for implementation. As stated in the

State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, 'Each GWMP will set out a series of actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation.' The current GWMP has much greater detail than this new draft, and should be used as a basis for improvement. Click here for Planning Practice Note 31 . For a comparison to the draft GWMP, Click here for the current GWMP . • Each of the 'Five Key Moves' contain potentially useful ideas depending on how they are applied, and there needs to be much greater emphasis on the care of the natural environment. • The document needs to describe in much greater detail the ACTIONS to be taken, and each of these must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation and fauna across the Shire. • Every descriptor needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity for the long term. • The current GWMP 2010 - 2025 describes in much greater detail (than the new draft) the ways Council and community will ensure the protection of the green wedge. However there has been consistent net loss of vegetation. This demonstrates that any new plan must be stronger and clearer about the actions which will be taken to reverse this ongoing decline. The draft GWMP does not achieve this.

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

• Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment. • The Principles need to reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge. The GWMP must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritised in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.' • An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity, and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan. • As with the 'Five Key Moves', the outlined Principles contain potentially useful ideas but there needs to be greater emphasis on the protection of the environment. For example, the principle that says, 'The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its values and with a focus on long-term stewardship.' could read, "The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its biodiversity and environmental values and with a focus on long-term stewardship."

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

• The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but must be framed in the

context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. • The plan must state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to those in an area not established as a Green Wedge. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land. This needs to be clearly stated and emphasised, as we ask ourselves, 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?', rather than 'What can we get out of the land?'. • The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

• The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness. • In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater dialogue must be generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live. A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of ALL indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it THROUGHOUT the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that ALL is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise. • Goal 3 repeatedly uses the language of 'balance', and this needs to be amended as it indicates that our thinking is oppositional.

It implies that there is a need to trade-off environmental health against other considerations, while international, national, and state government reports indicate that we must prioritise the health of our environment. For example, A3.12, p 33, speaks of balancing amenity, environmental considerations, private water extraction and community considerations. What needs to take place is a prioritisation of environmental considerations, as without optimal environmental health, all other activity and considerations will be constrained. • The use of stocktakes and studies [see A3.1, p32] that describe some areas of vegetation as more significant or valuable than others is alarming as it can lead to greater degradation of the environment which is already under pressure. The majority of the Shire's ecosystems are already 'disturbed' because of mismanagement, and this means we must change our ways. Every Objective and Action ought to aim for preservation and reinvigoration of the environment. One of the greatest threats to the Shire is 'death by a thousand cuts', where bit by bit land clearing and grazing leave our flora and fauna vulnerable to everincreasing stress and disappearance. In turn this also places greater pressure on our community's overall well being. • An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

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• This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. • Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP. • The need for a framework that encourages sustainable land management practices is described in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, entitled 'Preparing a Green Wedge Management Plan', and so this has to be clearly demonstrated in any GWMP. This current draft does not achieve this requirement. • The draft suggests that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) no permit should be required if the land has been previously cleared and used for farming. This definition of 'cleared land' needs greater detail – much of Nillumbik has been cleared at some stage, but thanks to regeneration it holds significant environmental qualities. Permits are essential as they can ensure any agricultural activities respect the land. It

also means that residents will be informed about the piggery etc proposed for next door.

- This draft must mention the fact that tourism developments in the Green Wedge need to be “in conjunction” with agricultural uses, as stated in Section 55 of the planning scheme. This clause of the planning scheme decreases the likelihood of inappropriate development.
- Horses and other hard-hoofed animals have a negative impact on the environment – none of Australia’s native animals have hard hooves. Impacts on habitats include erosion, water quality degradation, damage to flora, and spreading of weeds. Actions must be implemented to prevent these impacts. These must include education of the equine sector and other graziers. There needs to be greater understanding and responsible ownership of animals, ensuring that animals do not enter waterways and are not allowed to graze in the bush. This focus on environmental care must also be reflected in the proposed Nillumbik Equine Strategy.
- Goal 5: Responsible lead
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Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

- Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire.
- This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less.
- Responsible Leadership should have a section dealing with climate change mitigation in accordance with the precautionary principle.
- Council ought to provide education and free, easily accessible advice to residents on a range of topics such as ‘avoid - reduce - reuse - recycle’, reducing meat-consumption, buying local produce and growing your own, responsible waste disposal, reduction of car-dependence, benefits of native vegetation etc.
- This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to ‘Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.’ (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council’s responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for

the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement. • Key Action A5.6 and A5.7 [page 40 of the draft] propose changes to how land within the Green Wedge can be used. This has the potential to erode the values of the Green Wedge and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The UGB must be treated as a hard boundary. • The GWMP needs to recognise the leading role that Nillumbik can play; that we can be part of the solution, acting locally to address global problems. We're a relatively affluent population. Nillumbik is the perfect place to start turning things around. If not here and now, where and when?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this. • The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge. • Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global". • There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge. • The impact of invasive species – flora and fauna – is significant and this must be better addressed. • The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation, and urgent climate change mitigation. • It is necessary that we uphold the highest of professional standards throughout the Shire and its Leadership.

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No

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

There is no vision. there is a collection of buzz words and thought bubbles about community and people and connectedness and fluff and nothing about how to manage the Green Wedge. Underpinning the faux Plan is a complete disregard and lack of understanding of the importance of planning regulations to protect the GW from being whittled away. We are talking about the Land not the people, which in this case means individuals who wish to develop/ clear/ graze/ put inappropriate uses in the GW, thus destroying its purpose for the people of the Shire and the State! This is a self-serving devious attempt to focus on "people" rather than the landscape. People come and go, often leaving their mess for others to clean up. This process should be, as it states in appendix 1, "Protect and enhance environmental and biodiversity assets, such as coastal areas, wetlands, rivers and creeks, forests and grasslands....."

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

It's just blah blah blah! Fine if you are doing a policy for supporting residents but merely ancillary to a policy to "Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.

(Plan Melbourne 2017-2050).

No detail, just words and pictures

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Again, words without meaning. Could mean anything and gives no direction. Surely the First principle should be to protect the GW's bushland and agricultural land.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly do not support

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Meaningless drivel in this context.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Little to do with ensuring the GW remains safe from depredation. An issue that belongs in a broader policy document, not a land management one

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Again, nebulous language and motherhood concepts that sound wonderful but are not actually objectives. The talk of balance re the importance of biodiversity suggests the environment will be sacrificed for the needs of people. Not a good strategy for a long term plan

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This just continues an underlying push to “use” the GW for profit rather than see it as an asset for all of Melbourne

The report makes many glowing references to ‘hobby farms’ as worthy of support... in spite of specifically being discouraged in GW zone as a ‘lifestyle ‘ development that should be discouraged as it introduces urban expectations and compromises agricultural land. Those that are already in existence, fine, but there should be no inclination to allowing more in the GW.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

This is not a goal! This is what should be happening now and isn't!

Council is the steward of this land for future generations. What Council is attempting to do in this shambolic Management Plan, is implement their own agenda. Most of the Councillors were elected as PALS representatives and were swept into office on propaganda and misinformation. The community Panel they devised presented a very sound, balanced report to a council which wanted a very different result. The 5 PALS members (of the panel) presented a minority report which forms the basis of this very poor management plan. It is founded on a belief that the Landowners can do what they like on their own property and Council should respect that.(this opens the way for piggeries next door!) The democratic process of the Panel, with over 80% acceptance of their recommendations should have been accepted and not watered down with weakened language open to challenge.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I am so disappointed in this Council! This is a blatantly self serving document that scarcely mentions the Green Wedge .

The document, full of weasel words and motherhood fluff appears to have been written by the fairies at the bottom of the garden. It does nothing to protect this landscape. It ignores the residents who live here because they love living with the bush and who voted to protect it.

The council has proved itself antagonistic towards the GW, dropping the description "the Green Wedge Shire" from their logo, supporting uses and abuses not permitted in the zone and to crown all, the ex mayor thinks an amalgamation with Banyule would be good for Nillumbik(one thinks fox and chickens?) if we protect and enhance the natural wonder of the Green Wedge, we provide the basis for all those goals and objectives that the "plan" erroneously includes. I suggest abandoning this plan and sticking with the current one which is valid until 2025. There was no reason to attempt to write a new one! The old one has all the guidelines and regulations and planning basis to keep the GW such a vital part of our landscape for the next 6 years. Councillors represent the residents. They should not be pushing there own agenda to de-bush Nillumbik. Listen to your wider constituents, not just your personal support base.

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Other comments

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Charlotte CROCK

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To: Nillumbik Shire Council
GWMP REVIEW DEPARTMENT

I live in Kangaroo Ground and have been here nearly 10 years

I know that the council has been conducting a review of the Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP)

This is my submission, which I am making having looked at the plan and the presentation which PALS have put online

We are all proud of the Green Wedge as the most beautiful place to live - and we are all proud of it

I count myself as a supporter of the PALS submission and hope that the council pays attention to everything that PALS has included in their documents - which give a very clear picture of what we all think should be done to make this plan even better

The most important thing is to make sure families can rebuild after a disaster

That is basic and fair

Don't make their lives even harder if they have their home burnt down!

Thanks

Charlotte Crock

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As a member of Pals, as a Landowner of Kangaroo Ground since 1973, and as a concerned resident of Nillumbik Shire. Previously Shire of Eltham I would like to Congratulate [REDACTED] and their team on their remarkable response to GWMP and also C 86. There is a lot to evaluate in Pals' response but I see through it there is an underlying realisation that we have to work with Nillumbik on this GWMP and embrace conciliation and am hoping for a massive change for the future. I sincerely hope that Nillumbik recognise an opportunity here conciliation and make a few changes, for the better. There are many points to make, too many to mention, it's going to be an enormous job and much to achieve. Thank you Pals, well done. [REDACTED]

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Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

[Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

[Goal 4: A prosperous economy](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

[Goal 5: Responsible leadership](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The environment is obviously the number one asset. The threat of bushfires presents a double edged sword in that it can become a pretext for insensitive clearing of the land. The booming Deer population is also a threat to biodiversity and must be tackled immediately. Melbournes population growth threatens our livability on all sides and again should not be a pretext for more development in the Wedge; rather we should remain the intended buffer and lungs of Melbourne

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I found a lot of the moves seemed comprised of buzz words like inclusion, consultation, Council Leadership etc without actually showing any real process. What does it really mean when you say we want government support through grants?.is that for things like infrastructure or roads or grants to protect native animals? There can be any number of agendas at play here. We are on the doorstep of urban amenities to care for things like an aging population and therefore like so many other concerns are catered for outside the Wedge. I remain neutral re the moves because I they are too broad like motherhood statements that don't actually say much

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- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Neutral
Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree
A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly disagree
Manage change for future benefit - Disagree
Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree
Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree
Social equity - Neutral
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Again there is little substance evident in broad statements that can allow for broad interpretations. We expect oh come to fight for the uniqueness of the Wedge and not how we should adapt to a changing urban Melbourne. lol at Central Park in New York.a unique almost foreign green space amidst a concrete jungle. The Wedge is an environmental lifeline. We don't want it compromised by development. Hence I'm dubious about councils role and motives.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

This ultimately depends on the composition of consultation groups and how you ensure a real crosssection exists and to what extent council listens and actually reflects the communities input.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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The devil being in the detail. The review is of necessity full of broad statements often open to interpretation. I live on a dusty dirt road and worry about the dust. But although I'd rather a tarred surface I know it would encourage both speed and just a little bit more development. The thin edge of the Wedge! The bottom line is I want to maintain the integrity of the Wedge and not allow transient councillors the opportunity to exploit the assets in the short term. This is unfortunately and world wide phenomena.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The Vision is not sufficiently sharp, nor does it sufficiently visionary. The language of the Vision statement reads like a series of motherhood statements to which most residents could commit because they don't really say anything and therefore don't really commit them to anything. The Green Wedge is under threat. The vision statement should challenge residents to spring into action to defend the Green Wedge against the many threats and to improve the Green Wedge for the benefit of all. I'm not saying that nothing is being done or is being foreshadowed, but the vision statement doesn't really tap into the great emotional attachment that residents of Nillumbik have for the Green Wedge. In my opinion, this reflects the ambivalent approach that members of Council themselves have for the Green Wedge.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

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Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I agree with all of these principles but the importance of conserving the environment should be reflected more strongly in the wording of the principles.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The concept of the Green Wedge Conversations Program is worthwhile but the way that it is implemented is key, These forums could end up becoming a vehicle of we-them conflicts between rural landowners in the community and urban residents just as the overlay campaign prior to the last election was used to divide the community.

Action A1.10 needs considerable re-wording. The link between internet access and mobile phone coverage and the development of ride-sharing and on-call transport services is very tenuous and probably not relevant to the role of Council. On the other hand advocating for improved internet access and mobile phone coverage are areas where the Council could legitimately play a role.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The Council's work on extension of the Diamond Creek Trail from Diamond Creek to

Hurstbridge receives a mention and the Council is to be commended for its efforts in this direction. However, the Council's consultation on this project appears to have been mainly with bicycle and horse riding groups; yet, the major users of the trail extension, once it has been completed, is likely to be walkers. Nillumbik hosts three bushwalking groups. At least one of the groups was asked for a letter of support for extension of the trail. However, as far as I am aware, there has been no consultation with any of the groups regarding the requirements of bushwalkers. The trail from Eltham to Diamond Creek has a hard surface. Walkers much prefer walking on soft surfaces. The high cost of the trail is partly accounted for by the cost of concreting the trail. The Main Yarra Trail is one of the most used trails in Melbourne and for large sections of that trail has a soft surface. It has been pointed out that it is planned that the Diamond Creek Trail extension will have a horse trail running parallel to the concrete path and that bushwalkers could also use that trail. However, the point being made here is that there has been no consultation with bushwalking groups even though walkers are likely to be the main users of the trail.

Extension of the Aqueduct Trail is also mentioned. The previous Council made significant progress on the Aqueduct Trail, opening up the section from Henley Road through to Calwell Road. However, there has been no further development in the life of the present Council. This is a soft-surface trail, which is much preferred by walkers, and so the cost of extending the trail is significantly less than the cost of extending the Diamond Creek Trail. The Council could therefore consider extending this trail in shorter annual stages rather than waiting until there is sufficient funding to complete several kilometres of trail.

The Nillumbik trails network map on page 28 is not up to date. There is a complete and much used trail around Sugarloaf Reservoir (This is under the control of Parks Victoria rather than the Council and perhaps that is why it is not shown. However, in that case there should be a third type of trail shown on the map.) There is a trail between St Andrews and Smiths Gully along the Caledonia Goldfields. The part of the Aqueduct Trail in Kangaroo Ground which has already been completed is either not shown or only partly shown. Also, it appears that the planned extension of that trail is shown in the wrong location, unless it is anticipated that the aqueduct trail will depart from the aqueduct. The aqueduct runs south of Sugarloaf Reservoir, not north of it.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The discussion of bushfire risks makes no mention of two common causes of the most destructive bushfires in Victoria's recent history: the failure of landholders to maintain power lines over private property and firebugs. Responses to both of these risks could

be community based. However, the Draft Management Plan more or less assumes that there will be bushfires and seeks to reduce the risks when bushfires occur rather than reduce the risk of their occurrence in the first place.

Key Action A3.8 does not recognise that as a result of the introduction of the NBN communications may fail completely during extreme weather events. The issue that is being addressed here may need to be more thoroughly thought through.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

This section highlights the importance of building trust. Yet the present Council has distinguished itself by the extent to which it has eroded trust. Building trust is important and the necessity for this should be emphasised.

The section under the heading "Land Use Planning is rather concerning — particularly the comments related to the Rural Conservation Zone. The implication seems to be that whereas residents of the urban parts of Nillumbik require a permit to cut down large trees, landowners in the Rural Conservation Zone ought not to have to apply for a permit to engage in farming activity which might be much more destructive to the environment. The fact that a person needs to apply for a permit does not mean that the activity that the permit covers is likely to be disallowed, but it does mean that people can't act in total disregard for the consequences of their actions. The requirement for a permit gives Council the legal means of dealing with landholders who act in ways that disregard the rights of other members of the community.

It is also incorrect to state, as this section does, that one of the objectives of the GWMP is to promote "the right to farm". The objective is to promote farming, which is quite different. It is also not to promote all farming but to promote appropriate farming. This is a good of the lack of precision in wording which is evident throughout the draft plan.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Not sure

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I'm disappointed that the VISION doesn't mention that it will build on the previous GWMP. I'm disappointed that the VISION refer to the unique and special qualities peculiar to Nillumbik. It all seems a bit generic.

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Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

None of the Key Moves attempt to build on the good work that has gone before. There is no need to reinvent the wheel. There are great initiatives in education, community resilience and environmental incentive programs previously implemented. Why do we have to start again every time? It just leaves less time to get real actions finished.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

This is an unnecessary category. It does not add to a fuller GWMP. Like the VISION only one page is dedicated to it in the 80+ pages of the draft (incl. Attachments). Adapting the 4 Strategic Priorities shaping the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy would have been a better use of this page: These are the directly adapted BMS priorities - 1. Reduce the nett loss of Biodiversity 2. Create a community focussed approach to preserving the natural assets of the GW 3. Create a coordinated approach between key agencies and the communities of Nillumbik 4. Ensure strong advocacy. Any chance that Craig Lapsley could have input into this GWMP draft? He was able to efficiently write the BMS so that we could all see the documents priorities.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I can no support this because the detail is lacking and is not specific enough to Nillumbiks GW

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I can not support this because it is not specific enough to Nillumbiks GW and is more compatible with another Wellbeing Strategy.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

If this is supposed to be the category of Objectives and Key Actions that will articulate the Conservation measures for the natural environment then I find it sadly lacking. Where is the Natural Resource Plan? Streamflow Management Plan? Climate Change Mitigation measures? This GWMP must detail the framework for managing change and prioritise actions that will facilitate the improvement of the environment. It is Councils job to ensure a high level of clarity and greater certainty for all stakeholders, including landowners. If this Plan is going to be effective then you must bring everyone along with it and this can only be achieved with specifics and clarity.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section failures to acknowledge that a suite of altered discretionary uses and protective measures have recently been added in GW Shires (Refer Amendments VC103, VC105, VC106, VC109). Instead of advocating for more changes to the planning provisions why wouldn't this plan work to find economic opportunities within the changed framework? Further attempts to change or add new Zones is inappropriate for this management plan. Align future directives within the parameters at hand. It is not in Nillumbiks best interests to pursue Actions and Objectives that are inconsistent with State Government policies, strategies and regulations for this GW shire. Seeking funding will be difficult for these aims.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

This Goal appears very similar in detailed content to Goal 4. Cooperatively working with all stakeholders and agencies within the current planning framework would provide for Responsible Leadership. Actively butting heads with the Planning Scheme makes everyone anxious and lobby groups get there expectations up that you'll be able to give them what they want. This is Irresponsible Leadership.

The whole GWMP would benefit from this Goal being applied even handedly across all

categories instead of it being listed as a separate aspiration. Your approach does not make good sense.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Given a policy review of Nillumbik's GWMP was undertaken at the end of 2015 (Glossop Review) it appears odd that Council would now be presenting such broad, low-in-specifics draft as this GWMP to take us into 2020 and beyond. So much rate payers money has now been spent on this process that we deserve an excellent document full of clarity and specific implementation tools. I am extremely worried about the divisive nature of this Plan and hope to God Council has a Plan B.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Environmental protection and regeneration should be central to the Vision. Nillumbik was originally set up as a conservation shire, with the Green Wedge as its focus. Conservation and regeneration should be emphasised in the GWMP and in this draft it is not.

Appendix 1 of Council's draft quotes the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.'

This draft plan does not reflect the community's wishes - and especially has ignored up to 50% of the Community Panel's recommendations. The Nillumbik community wants to see the Green Wedge better protected, and regenerated - this isn't reflected in the plan. Our Green Wedge is also important for the wider Melbourne community, as Victoria continues to lose biodiversity at an alarming rate, protecting Nillumbik's Green Wedge provides environmental and climate related services to all Melbourne communities. The GWMP should emphasis that our Green Wedge is the most intact of all 12, and requires extra conservation and regeneration because of that - as it's significant for

Victorian communities, including plant and animal communities.

Climate Change mitigation should be a much larger focus in the GWMP than it is in this draft. Climate Change is hardly mentioned in this draft, and when it is mentioned - only adaptation is considered, not mitigation. There is plenty that Nillumbik Council and community can do to mitigate Climate Change. For example, as the IPCC has recently emphasised in a report about Climate and land, degraded ecosystems become CO2 emitters, but when healthy provide carbon storage. By protecting and regenerating the Green Wedge, and emphasising regenerative carbon farming practices on Agricultural land, we can help to mitigate climate change and keep the surface of the land cool.

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It is vital that Nillumbik demonstrates its respect of Indigenous people, their cultural heritage and knowledge. This barely gets a mention in the GWMP despite the fact that Indigenous people have ensured the vitality of the area's biodiversity for tens of thousands of years.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

It appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur.

This draft fails to clearly articulate an Implementation Plan based on clearly stated

Objectives and Actions and the Council Department responsible for implementation. As stated in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, 'Each GWMP will set out a series of actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation.' The current GWMP has much greater detail than this new draft, and should be used as a basis for improvement.

Each of the 'Five Key Moves' contain potentially useful ideas depending on how they are applied, and there needs to be much greater emphasis on the care of the natural environment.

The document needs to describe in much greater detail the ACTIONS to be taken, and each of these must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation and fauna across the Shire.

Every descriptor needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity for the long term.

The current GWMP 2010 -2025 describes in much greater detail (than the new draft) the ways Council and community will ensure the protection of the green wedge. However there has been consistent net loss of vegetation. This demonstrates that any new plan must be stronger and clearer about the actions which will be taken to reverse this ongoing decline. The draft GWMP does not achieve this

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan

Melbourne - Disagree
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Social equity - Disagree
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The language used across these Principles is too general. It is uncertain how the Principles could be interpreted when it comes to ensuring environmental protection. The Principles have to be more specific, and represent the community's commitment to protecting and regenerating the biodiversity of the Green Wedge.

The GWMP must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritised in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment –Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.'

There should be an additional Principle specific to focusing on preservation of environment and biodiversity. It should describe how protecting the Green Wedge is urgently needed due to the decline of biodiversity state-wide. It should also reflect on climate change, and how biodiverse ecosystems are becoming our last hope at storing carbon, drawing down emissions and reducing fire risk by keeping the land surface cool. As with the 'Five Key Moves', the outlined Principles contain potentially useful ideas but there needs to be greater emphasis on the protection of the environment. For example, the principle that says, 'The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its values and with a focus on long-term stewardship.' could read, "The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its biodiversity and environmental values and with a focus on long-term stewardship."

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Whilst the main focus on Goal 1, to engage the community, is important - it's not clear that the aim of such engagement is environmental protection. This should be made clearer, as in 1994 when the local Government review board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. The plan should clarify that this Shire and Green Wedge has needs specific to Green Wedges, and thus different from other areas that are not set aside as a Green Wedge. There is an opportunity in this new plan to engage the community as stewards of the land. This should be clearly and specifically emphasised. We should ask 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?', rather than 'What can we get out of the land?'.

The community should also be engaged in climate change mitigation and emissions drawdown. This should be a top priority and common goal for our local community as we collectively depend on the environmental services of healthy biodiverse ecosystems (like the ones found in our Green Wedge). How we manage the environment as a community will also play a large part in our resilience as the climate does inevitably change (e.g. halting deforestation helps to reduce fire severity).

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The objectives and key actions for this goal must specifically emphasise the protection of biodiversity as a top priority. As it's said in the draft plan, green spaces are integral to our health. Not just because outdoor spaces help to promote physical activity, but also because exposure to nature (specifically wild spaces) has been clinically proven to improve mental health and community social connectedness.

In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater dialogue must be generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live. A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

There needs to be a strong acknowledgment of the urgent need to protect all indigenous vegetation across the entire Shire - including private land (as well as public).

The community should work together to protect, and increase habitat for native wildlife - with an emphasis on maintaining wildlife corridors to improve ecosystem connectivity. When talking about environmental protection, it should be framed through a 'systems view', which acknowledges the connectedness and interdependence of all wildlife and human communities in the Green Wedge.

Due to the climate emergency and mass extinction event we currently find ourselves in, the GWMP should acknowledge that transitioning to a more ecologically sustainable society is not only smart, but imperative for future resilience. This should underpin all Actions in the GWMP, without compromise.

Goal 3 repeatedly uses the language of 'balance', and this needs to be amended as it indicates that our thinking is oppositional. It implies that there is a need to trade-off environmental health against other considerations, while international, national, and state government reports indicate that we must prioritise the health of our environment.

For example, A3.12, p 33, speaks of balancing amenity, environmental considerations, private water extraction and community considerations. What needs to take place is a prioritisation of environmental considerations, as without optimal environmental health, all other activity and considerations will be constrained.

The use of stocktakes and studies [see A3.1, p32] that describe some areas of vegetation as more significant or valuable than others is alarming as it can lead to greater degradation of the environment which is already under pressure. The majority of the Shire's ecosystems are already 'disturbed' because of mismanagement, and this means we must change our ways. Every Objective and Action ought to aim for preservation and reinvigoration of the environment. One of the greatest threats to the Shire is 'death by a thousand cuts', where bit by bit land clearing and grazing leave our flora and fauna vulnerable to ever-increasing stress and disappearance. In turn this also places greater pressure on our community's overall well being.

There should be an additional Action to organise a large community-wide education campaign about the value of biodiverse ecosystems, how to care for natural landscapes, proper bushfire risk reduction (eradicate myths of ignorance such as: land clearing reduces fire risk - simply not true), understanding the ancient role of fire in this landscape, and the significance of the Green Wedge for our local community, and wider Melbourne (which fits in again with 'systems' based thinking, where people need to be reminded of the interdependence of all living things) and how protecting and regenerating the Green Wedge is aligned with climate action.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Economic activities should be assessed in response to the latest science on the urgency

of our situation re biodiversity loss and climate change. There is no sustainable economy or economic future without acknowledgment of - and response to - the ecological crises we are facing.

Environmental protection must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. Local agriculture is important, and we should support it - but only within the framework of taking care of the environment and the health of local biodiversity. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP.

The need for a framework that encourages sustainable land management practices is described in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, entitled 'Preparing a Green Wedge Management Plan', and so this has to be clearly demonstrated in any GWMP. This current draft does not achieve this requirement

The draft suggests that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) no permit should be required if the land has been previously cleared and used for farming. This definition of 'cleared land' needs greater detail –much of Nillumbik has been cleared at some stage, but thanks to regeneration it holds significant environmental qualities.

Permits are essential as they can ensure any agricultural activities respect the land. It also means that residents will be informed about the piggery etc proposed for next door. This draft must mention the fact that tourism developments in the Green Wedge need to be "in conjunction" with agricultural uses, as stated in Section 55 of the planning scheme. This clause of the planning scheme decreases the likelihood of inappropriate development.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

As stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft GWMP, it would be best if the role of steward was better defined in this goal. The definition should specify that Nillumbik residents are obliged to care for the land (where care is not only about minimising harm, but regenerating environments), and not degrade it (where degradation is the loss of biodiversity and overall ecosystem health). Nillumbik residents should also be held accountable as stewards of the land for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire.

This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the

Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less.

This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP -Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this.

The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge.

Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global".

In light of the IPCC's report on how land management plays perhaps the largest role in climate mitigation, the GWMP draft as it is fails to rise to this occasion. Protecting and regenerating biodiverse environments is now more important than ever; degraded landscapes can become CO2 emitters - leading us down a trajectory of passing climate tipping points; risking the health and wealth of all local and even global communities. Similarly, how we manage agricultural land can either lead us down a path of food security and ecological health, or one of food insecurity and climate breakdown. There should be a clear connection made between stewardship of the land, and food production where agriculture (using regenerative practices) can play a role in environmental reinvigoration and climate mitigation. I'd like to see a much stronger climate change emphasis in the GWMP, and acknowledgement that if we care for the environment in our Green Wedge, we can ensure carbon is stored in the earth, and the

mass extinction event we find ourselves in is slowed down.

This draft GWMP uses too general language when it comes to protecting biodiversity in the Green Wedge, I want to see a much more specific focus on conservation and regeneration.

I think you'll find that my opinions not only align with the majority of the community (especially the community panel) but also with global science on the urgent need to halt emissions, and ecological collapse.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I can see that a lot of hard work went into this. Your values on the environmental side of things seem well-considered. I am concerned about two aspects of this document.

1)

This document says a lot of feel-good things, but does not lay down many specifics. As a guide to future planning on the part of the council, this document could be used as a free pass to do all sorts of things inimical to the desires of our residents and the well-being of this council, this city, this state, this country, and this planet. We may be small, but we are still part of a bigger picture. I do not want to hear a single councillor come back to us saying, "But I was only following what you agreed to in the Green Wedge Management Plan." What exactly are we agreeing to?

2)

It is understandable that you wish to represent all the wishes of all residents. It is impossible to be all things to all people. Parts of this document are at variance with itself. In particular your framework for a "prosperous economy" would act against your vision for an environmentally thriving Green Wedge that respects its Aboriginal elders.

For about forty years much of the Anglosphere has been following the economic theories of Milton Friedman, Friedrich Hayek, and Ludwig von Mises. As economist Kate Raworth puts it: We have "been told that the market is efficient, that trade is win-win, and that the commons are a tragedy. Given such a cast, the triumph of the market seems almost inevitable in the unfolding plot. However, we were all also told that finance is infallible--but that part of the story unravelled so publicly during the 2008 financial crash that even the scriptwriters had to admit that it rang false. It has become increasingly clear that the neoliberal economic plot...has whipped us into a perfect storm of extreme inequality, climate change and financial crash."

The vision you put forward has clear links to the more than seventy year old theories of Friedman, Hayek, and Mises. Their outlook is treated as common wisdom, fact by much of our media, and was once taught in many schools. So, it is easy for all of us to fall into its grip. However, current economic theories put forward by people, such as Nobel Prize winners Joseph Stiglitz, Andrew Deaton and Elinor Ostrom, are better modelled and dispute this outdated way of thinking.

Until Goal 4 is significantly altered this document does not represent the best interests of Nillumbik and its people, and should not be accepted.

Five Key Moves

The five Key Moves below outline organisational changes for the long-term to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan.

You can see more details about the [five key moves here](#).

1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Without these key moves being more specific, we don't have good protection from empty activities, that are put forward to look like our council is engaging with its

residents, but are in fact meaningless. Our residents seem to be deeply concerned that this is all a smoke-screen to enable policies that would damage our environment and our communities for the benefit of a few.

Principles

The following principles informed the creation of the Green Wedge Management Plan and will inform how the goals, objectives and key actions are to be implemented.

You can see more details about each of the [Principles here](#).

- Leadership
- Aboriginal voice
- A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne
- Manage change for future benefit
- Collaboration and connectedness
- Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape
- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Where is a principle specifically concerning the environment and biodiversity? Though I laud the principles you already have, they are incomplete without clear consideration of the environment and place this document on very shaky ground.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

You mention in this goal housing, economic development, transport, aged care, education, etc. It makes a world of difference how this is done. Are we going to achieve this by handing off assets to private entities and giving them money? Are we going to achieve this through community owned services that are subject to public scrutiny and our vote?

If you are looking to the solution of trying to raise council revenue without raising council fees, then we fall into the trap of attempting to over-stimulate our local economy at the loss of community and environmental assets. If raising fees scares you, then it is completely possible to put forward resolutions upon which people can vote. "Do we all pay \$0.50 more a month to ensure we have this particular facility?" This is done regularly in other countries such as the US. I am happy to do it. Others, I am sure, would be happy to do this. You should at least explicitly ask if this is the case.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

There is more to protecting our environment than giving people more space in which to exercise. We also need areas where our plant and animals neighbours have the space and peace in which to successfully live according to their cycles. Their presence isn't just about our direct mental well-being, it's also about planetary well-being. Cities need to breathe. The whole planet needs to breathe. If we keep on building on fertile land because the yards are greener, if we keep on clearing away forests for farming because the fertile land has been taken over for housing, if what remaining forests we have are landscaped for children to play in, dogs to be walked, and people to run through, soon we will not have sufficient trees and plants to properly sequester our carbon footprint

and generate clean air.

Goal 2 does not sufficiently address its environmental dimension.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

This statement is worrying: "It acknowledges that native plants and animals have intrinsic value but there is also a need for balanced outcomes. Maintaining a healthy natural environment is vital but creates a complex challenge to find the right balance between protection and how we use the land."

So what is the right balance? How have you determined this? This statement seems to put forward a position whereby protecting the environment and our use of it are at odds with one another, thereby suggesting that in a choice between nature and human endeavour, at various times nature must be the loser. Our existence relies on nature. We cannot rely on such vague statements.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 4 is antithetical to all goals to do with the environment, liveability, and respecting an aboriginal presence.

From page 36 you state that you will create a prosperous economy for Nillumbik by:

- * supporting and promoting growth within the existing business base,
- * promoting growth by attracting new investment and businesses and
- * facilitating liveability and sustainable communities.

Our Earth has a limited amount of space and a limited amount of resources. Nillumbik Shire takes up 435 km². Compare that to the 510 million km² of our planet and 7.69 km² for Australia. How much growth can we afford before we essentially eat ourselves out of house and home? Continuous growth is what a cancer does before it destroys a body. Economic growth from the industrial revolution onward is measurably the cause of our climate crisis.

We should be supporting the well-being of our local business base and ensuring our residents have all they need to live relatively comfortable and contented lives. How

contented can anyone be if the goal is always to have more than your neighbour? We all need to learn how to enjoy our lives while doing with less. We need to let go of a comparative lifestyle and learn how accept ourselves and one another. Wouldn't we all feel a lot less anxiety this way?

This document suggests that we should create growth through new investment. Investment is not free money. It is not the same as a Federal or State grant. It always comes with strings attached. A certain amount of money is put in, so that more money can be taken out. Investment can in fact be a financial drain on a local economy. It only works for a local economy when we can financially drain our neighbours. When we pay State or Federal taxes, when we pay council fees, that is a local investment. The residents agree to pay that money because they want the services it supplies. We are the shareholders of our shire and the council are our board members.

If we in fact need particular businesses in our shire to function, then we need a clear cut means to determine the nature of those businesses and how we can support their local foundation by local residents. That will create more jobs than relying on outside corporations with dubious intentions.

Yes, we do need a certain amount of circulation of funds to keep our shire functioning. But have you asked how much that is really? What you have proposed does not include safety limits to ensure we don't destroy the very things that have brought us prosperity in the first place: a healthy and abundant environment.

You state that we have "a mission to get our economy and society working together for the benefit of all Victorians – by creating more jobs for more people." Your propose to do this by "connecting people and businesses."

This assumes that businesses are our sole employers.

You in fact are also an employer. So is the State, so is the Federal government.

Businesses will only pursue those activities that will make them a profit. Many things need doing that do not accrue a profit: like land care, cleaning up rubbish, support services for the poor, the elderly, and the disabled, motherhood. Sometimes these things can be made profitable when the government pays a company to do them. However, then another layer of oversight and accountability has to be added to ensure these companies do the right thing, rather than finding ways to cut corners in order to make more profit. This is when, for instance, we have issues with the elderly living with abuse and in squalor, because the goal of the company providing their care was profit and not the well-being of their charges.

Some work must be provided by our government. Essential services must always be provided by our government to ensure the well-being of ALL Australians regardless of their financial status. Those services must be provided at a standard that ensures all

people's ability to live productive lives. For instance people die from septic tooth infections. Dentistry must be made publicly available via government programs.

“Big” government is only a problem when too much power accrues to too few people, especially without the moderating force of fair democratic processes.

Businesses have this same problem: too much power accrues to too few people without the moderating force of fair democratic processes.

The innovation I would like to see come out of this council is providing training and support for local cooperative nonprofit businesses. I would also like to see a council bold enough to be a local employer in order to provide more essential services. We are going to need them!

Nillumbik has a growing number of retired residents. Those residents will not be in a position to work jobs, but will need support services. We do not want to put them in such desperation that they sell homes and farms to developers as a retirement plan. According to the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) 2018 Poverty in Australia Report and the Australian Bureau of Statistics the elderly (65+) are 15.7% of the Australian population and make up 14.3% of our country's poor. Do we have a plan in place to support these people?

Worldwide 2.25 million robots are currently in use. Up to 20 million manufacturing jobs could be lost to robots by 2030 according to the Oxford Economics 2019 Report "How Robots Change the World". When people think of robots and AIs, they usually think in terms of Robbie the Robot or Bender from Futurama. When ATMs came into use numerous bank tellers lost their jobs. The same is true with the automated check outs at supermarkets. Predictions are strong for self-driving trucks taking over jobs in transport and delivery. I spent time helping a university friend with a poll he was taking, where one of the questions was whether or not people felt their jobs could be automated. People in white-collar jobs almost universally felt their positions were secure. However, I work in computing. The young friend is working on a degree in computing. We were both concerned how little people understood that machine intelligence could easily take over a wide variety of white-collar jobs.

According to the December 2018 Department of Employment, Vacancy Report: 2,864,200 Australians are competing for 183,900 job vacancies. The ratio of job seekers to job vacancies is 1 to 15.57. As industries become more efficient and mechanised, you would expect this. Each company would need fewer people to produce more product to sell to more people with fewer jobs. Industry cannot fill in the discrepancy. It's not how business works. Government has to do one of two things-- preferably both: provide jobs and/or provide all citizens with a universal basic income. It is inappropriate to punish Australians for a lack of jobs. We are beginning to live in a Star Trek world and need to let go of the prejudices of nineteenth century toffs. Nothing says Nillumbik can't lead the way in managing for our modern world.

Another item that concerns me in the report has to do with this objective: “Encourage growth in the visitor economy through regional promotion and facilitation of new visitor experiences.”

In 1970 the Shire of Eltham purchased Edendale, establishing an animal pound and small nursery. What that means is that people who were voted in by the residents of the Shire of Eltham purchased that property on their behalf with their council fees and whatever State monies were dispersed to them at the time. In the late 1980s a number of changes were made to the site to establish the area as a community farm for local residents. It has since become a Community Environmental Education Centre featuring an indigenous plant nursery.

This is a significant community asset—one that has been supported by nearly fifty years of council fees and regularly visited by many of our residents. This belongs to all of us.

If this asset is sold off, the question needs to be asked “for what purpose”? Is it to fill meagre council coffers? Are we that poorly off? Why? Is it to “boost” our visitor economy by handing off a community asset to a business operator whose purpose is profit, and only secondarily the maintenance of community services that Edendale provides? Under such an enterprise the farm would be focussed on tourists more than residents, and make this asset less available to the people who paid to have it developed. All that money, all that effort, gone and only available to the wealthier members of our community.

How many of us expected to be able to share Edendale with our grandchildren? How much guarantee would we have that the farm could only ever be a public farm, and not later sold off again to developers?

As council members you are in fact under the employ of Nillumbik Shire residents and are expected to act in the best interest of all its members, not just its business class. When members of the business class take up political systems and use them to hand public assets off to other members of the business class, that is kleptocracy. We the residents of Nillumbik Shire trust that our current council is above such behaviour and will adequately nurture our shared resources and community services.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

“Nonetheless, regulation and enforcement is sometimes required and is one way of achieving objectives, but is not necessarily the most sustainable way. As techniques

they lie at one end of a spectrum. At other end are education, awareness, facilitation and ultimately empowerment. All techniques have their place but this plan envisages putting more emphasis towards the empowering end of the spectrum.”

We need to know what the specifics are on the “balance” you are suggesting here. This looks to be leaning toward laissez-faire leadership. It sounds good, doesn't it? Talk about empowerment and facilitation...people love it. BUT we need certain limitations to live successfully together. Not everyone is a good citizen. Not everyone innately behaves in a safe, respectful, and pro-social manner. Assuming the market would sort itself out brought about the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. Trusting that gun owners would uniformly use their weapons responsibly has brought about the capacity for multiple mass shootings a year to happen in the US.

We need fair and reasonable regulations that are consistently enforced. People need to know what these regulations are and given help to follow these regulations. We need to ensure that bad actors are prevented from harming our community. We need a council who sufficiently cares about our shire that they are hands-on about protecting this rare and beautiful part of Melbourne, rather than making a show of being hands-off and in the process allow moneyed interests the freedom to dismantle all we value.

The objectives and key actions in this goal are all very weakly put and do little to reassure me that the council will be acting in the best interests of our shire.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

With some reservations. In general I would agree with the propositions put forward by Nillumbik PALs . The adversarial and toxic relationship between Council and landowners needs to cease. If we define "landowners " as those owning more than 2ha, then this means the majority area of the shire. Essentially the important role of landowners needs to be recognised. Zoning and overlays need to take into account what landowners are doing. This means recognition of grazing, horticulture, gardening, small business amenity landscaping and other activities. Residents should be able to apply for exemptions to overlays or/and rezoning. This could mean micro-zoning for particular properties. For instance small farms, orchards, etc. should be able to be rezoned as farming zones with resultant removal of permit requirements for farm buildings, fences, drains and access tracks. In general the "Red tape" now constraining rural enterprises, should be reduced, and where possible , removed.

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

All this seems very vague and can be interpreted in almost any way. Each of the Moves should be undertaken only if some benefit would be assured. Considering Move 5. What are these assets and how would they be assessed? Is this information available elsewhere? That is, would this be just a duplication? For example. In my research and in 35 years of landholding experience in rural Nillumbik, I consider the main assets for rural areas to be soil microbiota, humus content and carbon retention. Are these near the top of council's list? Is there anyone available who would be qualified in such an assessment? Without this information there can be no concept of natural or, say, agricultural potential. From reports from Universities, Agricultural Departments and the CSIRO, we know in general, if not in all particular areas that carbon content in Australian soils has reduced from about 6% to less than 0.5%. Nillumbik is not an exception. This means less natural biodiversity, increasingly limited agricultural potential, lowered water content in and above soil and higher and hotter bushfire potential. We know this without any asset stocktake. What we need from Council is a strategy to do something about this deteriorating situation.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Aboriginal voice - Agree

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Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

In principle, the Principles are hard to argue with. What is important is how they might be achieved without an enormous amount of time and energy being expended for little gain. Perhaps the Principles should be Considerations .

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

01.1 If this means landowners should largely taking decision about their properties, perhaps with assistance from Council (advice, not instruction), then I strongly agree.
01.2. OK Agree 01.3 I have no idea what this means. A bushfire shelter? A bar?, A skating rink? A lookout? Public toilets?. It is impossible to comment on proposals when there is no proposal. 01.4. This is very poorly worded. There seems to be more than one proposal here. What has a general vision (enormously vague and usually impossible to achieve) got to do with housing and ageing? I do support efforts to support older people to stay in their own home. That's it. This means I would support dual dwellings on one title to be held within a family. 01.5 OK. There are limits. Which are? 01.6 This looks like the inclusion from 01.4. Same comment. 01.7. How? Trams, busses, trains, wider roads? What is being proposed?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The idea of walking, cycling and horse tracks is great. Go ahead. I'm not sure what the rest means. I know a lot of artists who would not appreciate greater ease of public access. If you want to grade my driveway , go ahead. Seriously, objectives mean little without specific strategy agendas and specified and tangible endpoints.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

I'm not going through each of these items. This would be tedious and repetitive . I will make some general comments. Bushfires. All landholders should be able to remove hazards without permits. This would include mowing grass down to 10cm, removal of dry twigs and flammable plants up to 100 m from dwellings. Trees , such as eucalypts should have lower branches removed to a height of 2 m. Roadside growth should be removed up to 4m from road surface. I have not seen firebreaks reducing wildlife. Biodiversity. Riparian growth to 10m from streams should not be touched , Hedgerows and wildlife corridors should be encouraged. Deer must be removed in addition to cats and foxes. Of these 3 the most damaging would seem to be deer. They remove ground cover, ringbark trees , destroy bird nests, initiate erosion and more. Serious consideration should be given to the encroachment of eucalypts as weeds . In our area what was mixed forest, became, after the 2009 fires, almost a monoculture as eucalypts too advantage and covered the land with reduction of other species including orchids

and fungi. This is not a natural environment.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

That's fine. There has been enough poverty in this area. Resilience and self-sufficiency should also be supported. Generally people do not require help to run their businesses from municipal authorities. They have their accountants and technical advisors. What they don't need is unnecessary interference , for instance in the acquisition of permits. These have, in the past, been delayed for no good reason, and finally been granted after many months and much expense. This has led to distrust of, and antagonism toward, councils.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Landowners should have responsibility , helped and not hindered by Council or State regulations that have no benefit. I do not support unqualified leadership or leadership not informed by sound scientific and ethical principles.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

A satellite photo of the Nillumbik area show that much of the ground was once covered in orchard. Poor practices and competition has destroyed much of this but some apple orchards remain and some vineyards and olive groves have been introduced. If the soils, particularly along the Diamond Creek corridor, were appropriately repaired, and water holding capacity and fertility increased, these area could once again provide food , close to Melbourne. There has been directives to amalgamate holdings to make agriculture more viable. I would argue that the belief underlying this is erroneous. It has been shown, world wide, that small holdings produce the greatest amount of produce per area, and have the least negative impact on the environment. The large holding beliefs and practices of the 20th century proved highly destructive to the natural environment and caused significant soil degradation , turning much farmland into desert

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

broad descriptions - detail must include support for equine related activities, Clubs and events

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

broad descriptions - detail must include support for equine related activities, Clubs and events

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

broad descriptions - detail must include support for equine related activities, Clubs and events

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

broad descriptions - detail must include support for equine related businesses activities

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

broad descriptions - detail must include support for animal husbandry including equine

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

In general I support to intent and outcomes of this document.

I want to commend the process and authors in providing a document that truly reflects the demographic, landscape and interests in the Shires non-urban areas.

In particular, the acknowledgement of equine actives and keeping of horses is important as this entire community had been ignored in the previous plan. By recognising this major (and growing) use of rural land, its benefits to local businesses and to recreational health and wellbeing, the Plan can aid and further enhance the opportunities of the equine lifestyle and events in the Shire.

I also support the Shires Recreational Trails Strategy and the continued inclusion of horse and pony riding along the formal shared use trails and bushland reserve tracks.

The revised plan, through acknowledgement of the whole Green Wedge Community provides an accurate basis for inclusion and support for all landowners and visitors in the Shire.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Not sure

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Neutral

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The stocktake of environmental assets is concerning. I cannot tell from the plan what areas may be under threat of re-zoning. I object to any zoning changes that affect our bush land.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

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Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

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Other comments

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Important that all members of the Green Wedge community are included.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

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Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Community resilience must be strengthened by all members of the community being educated in Disaster Mitigation, particularly Bushfire Mitigation and Bushfire Recovery. It is essential that there be recognition of the important role landowners play in managing the land within the Green Wedge. The proposed "Green Wedge Conversations" program must not become just a forum for "environmentalists", but must acknowledge hobby farming and other rural activities as legitimate use of the Green Wedge, and must consider the importance of community safety through Bushfire Mitigation measures.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

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Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Aboriginal voice is very important in the management of the land within the Green Wedge, particularly the concept of "firestick burning". The Principles must recognise the cultural lifestyle and environmental value of the Green Wedge

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Strongly support

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

It is extremely important that the Bushfire Mitigation Plan takes precedent over the Green Wedge Management Plan. Residents must not be led to "staying to protect their

properties" during a major fire because of the fear that due to planning restrictions, they may not be able to rebuild their residence if it is destroyed.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Residents should be encouraged to do Bushfire Mitigation work on their property and should be assisted by the Council and Fire Services through advice. It is important that it is recognised that people live in the Green Wedge because they love the lifestyle, and that they are not "developers" who wish to subdivide their land. The Council should work collaboratively with the landowners instead of imposing onerous conditions such as those proposed in the ill fated C81 and C101 Planning Schemes.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The overall vision seems rather vague and weak on its commitment to the environment which should be its clear first priority. The vision needs to make a bold statement about its commitment to the protection and enhancement of the Green Wedge for the benefit of the whole community and future generations.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The five key moves don't seem to provide a framework strong enough to protect and enhance the Green Wedge from the pressures of a growing population and climate change and to reverse the current loss of biodiversity.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Agree
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The number one guiding principle should be the 'protection of the environment for the benefit of the whole community and future generations'.

Leadership needs to be framed in the context of protecting the Green Wedge and communicating its importance to the well being of the community and Melbourne as a whole.

'Transparent' is the only hint at 'Open Government' in the document. Open government and decision making is essential to trust and fostering engagement and should be clearly identified as a guiding principle

Aboriginal Voice is an important principle but does not seem to be backed up strongly enough throughout the GWMP

'Future benefit' must be clearly framed as the benefit of the whole community and not the few

Sustainability and Social equity should be given much greater emphasis

'A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne' is pretty meaningless without describing what council believes that relationship to be. E.g. Nillumbik's Green Wedge is the lungs of Melbourne and Nillumbik Council and the community as a whole are its custodians with the responsibility to maintain and enhance it for the benefit of all

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Do not support

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More communication is good but this looks like a plan for a 'talk fest' with little detail to indicate any substance and with vague plans to try to get someone else (the Victorian Government) to fund it. Much more detail is required to show how this will fit into decision making, increase effective community engagement and lead to better outcomes for the environment and community as a whole.

Effective communication should start with open and transparent government.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

In general this is a fine goal backed up by some reasonable actions.

Further emphasis should be placed on Indigenous recognition and heritage.

Promotion of Equine activities needs to carefully take into account its impact on the environment. More emphasis should be placed on cycling infrastructure like the extension to the Diamond Creek trail which is again talked about in the GWMP, but will it ever actually happen? Bikes take cars off the road and have a net positive effect on the environment and health and well being.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

While the goals and most of the actions generally seem reasonable there is not enough recognition of the fundamental link between the health of the local environment and the health and well being of the community.

There is too much emphasis on safety over the environment. We cannot exist without a healthy environment. Over-zealous 'bushfire preparation' can have seriously detrimental effects on the environment. People who choose to live in bushfire prone areas need be encouraged to appreciate and engage with the environment, understand the risks and be prepared to make the right decisions in times of extreme fire danger. They should not be encouraged to change the environment for safety's sake.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

There needs to be a much stronger emphasis on sustainable practices. Not all farming is beneficial and the GWMP should be very clear in only supporting activities that maintain or enhance the local environment.

Sustainable farming should be promoted over other development agendas.

Removing unnecessary restrictions on sustainable small scale farm initiatives such as on gate sales is a good initiative

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

References to possible changes to overlays based on perceived environmental value of the land are troubling. Just because land has been cleared at some point (since western settlement?) does not make it less valuable and should not be an excuse for inappropriate development or use.

Shifting too much responsibility to land owners is dangerous, particularly in regard to planning.

Changes to rules around land directly abutting the urban growth boundary sound like a recipe for creeping development. Much more detail is required to justify any changes in this area.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I do not agree with rezoning any land

Five Key Moves

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Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I do not agree with any rezoning of land

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I do not agree with any rezoning of land

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

I do not agree with any rezoning of land

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

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Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I do not agree with any rezoning of land

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

It is important that

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly agree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Point 3 I would like to note that as long as the community conversations program is not bombarded with illogical and unreasonable input by others over Landowners who also cherish our environment would that be viable. It is absolutely imperative to the survival of the Greenwedge and its ongoing health that environmental assets and agricultural practices are continued to make it viable to live here and fund the maintenance as Landowner to manage these properties without assistance.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Respect is paramount to the success of the Greenwedge but unlike extreme Greens all views should be heard and considered. Landowner's and their opinions should matter and should precedent IMO. If Landowners weren't treated with contempt by outsiders and council who don't live here I believe the council could achieve much more greatness by with working with the Landowners who ultimately take care of a large proportion of the Greenwedge. I also think our traditional Landowners should be heard much more over some of the vacant noise that gets bandied around by Greens.

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

As long as the primary caretakers of the Greenwedge are heard over non Greenwedge Landowners without the support of the Landowners no GWMP will be successful and it needs to be.

[Goal 2: Active and creative people](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

It is vital to support the communities who live in and come to the Greenwedge with positive activities and support of its diverse creative residents. To other to see what a unique area we own

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

A safe environment includes the council doing what they should be doing and not just leaving it up to Landowners to manage Fire Mitigation responsibilities.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

It is Vital to the Greenwedge that its residents and landowner remain prosperous to further enhance such a unique environment. Economic decline helps no one especially the environment.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

My other concerns more directly are: I strongly believe the Council need to start really working with Greenwedge Landowners. I also believe that the RCZ needs to be change to GWZ to support the communities to act more purposely for the greater good of the Greenwedge. I also believe that Town Planning needs to be overhauled and some GUIDELINES such a footprints, revegetation, energy ratings of builds and the compliance be set so that people have real guidelines to work with. Currently it is a complete debacle and is appalling managed and inconsistent. I also believe all landowners should have a right to build on their land and rebuild in the event of a fire without duress. The GWMP needs to strongly represent the quality people who live here and own it and recognise that it is what is because of us being here as well as outside

efforts. Landowners play a vital role in the sustainability long term of the Greenwedge and successful landowners and an economy in a Greenwedge enable funds for conservation and to share the beauty of the Greenwedge with the wider communities for many generations to come.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The Vision must be centred around the protection of our natural environment. Mitigation of climate change - not adaptation, must also be at the forefront

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I feel this GWMP will not provide enough protection of the natural environment within these key moves.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

There are not enough details to support the principles. Are they listed in priority of importance?

The emphasis on Leadership is disproportionate to more important principles such as Conservation and Sustainability.

There is very little mention of Aboriginal voice throughout the GWMP.

We are the lungs of Melbourne. Not primary producers on a large scale.

Long term future benefits must be in the forefront -ie mitigating climate change.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The Draft for Consultation: Green Wedge Management Plan is full of repetitious jargonese and lacks informative detail. Communication needs to be genuine

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Activity and creativity is essential to well being but not at the expense of our local flora and fauna

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The seven resilience characteristics set out in The Community Resilience Framework for Emergency Management are vague and I am concerned just how the green wedge management will be thought about differently.

What is the Nillumbik Bushfire Mitigation Strategy?

More needs to be done to mitigate climate change.

Nillumbik has always been a high fire risk area. No amount of preparation could have made a difference to the out comes of the 2009 fires.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

What is the new Nillumbik Economic Development Strategy ?

How is the council going to move products to market efficiently?

What is the new Nillumbik Equine Strategy?

There is no need for horses to be allowed in the Kinglake National Park.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

The concept of the "spectrum " is divisive and does not allow me to feel confident that this GWMP is balanced. Therefore I do not feel confident in the importance of Leadership in relation to this plan.

Education, awareness and facilitation are also the objectives for the importance of our rural areas not being urbanised or overdeveloped.

Other comments

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The timed login session was not long enough for a considered submission!

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Economic sustainability gives the greenlight for development outside township planning zones. Ageing in place feedback has been misconstrued to ageing in community which are no the same thing. Page 22 of the draft plan - formal township boundaries are constrained - these constraints may need to be reexamined.... = development.

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Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

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re clause O1.4 in objectives being inserted into the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan -"Where possible, encourage housing diversity to enable ageing in place."
Supporting Ageing in Place in the green wedge was one of the key findings of the community consultations. This was not about building cluster housing in and around our rural townships that threatens our green wedge, it is about supporting people when they get older to stay in their own homes. I strongly do not support the inclusion of this clause that relates to housing diversity. The Hurstbridge community addressed this misleading use of the term 'ageing in place' when it was used by the previous Council to justify a development between the football ovals, along the creek side corridor in Hurstbridge. (Lot 1 Graysharps Road). The Hustbridge Township strategy in 2002 reviewed identified 9 potential areas of township expansion, 7 were rejected outright as not suitable. Of the two sites that the strategy identified that could support some further residential development , the Lot 1 proposed residential development by the previous council was rejected by the current council and the other which is housing consolidation along Heidelberg Kinglake road seems to be happening within the existing township zone. If people from rural areas want to "age in community" there is plenty of subdivisions happening within existing township zones - just have a look at Hurstbridge. The market is meeting the demand. Ageing in place refers to ageing in you own home. Some people require services and house modifications to do so. Converting the meaning of the terminology lays the ground for future justification of rezoning for residential development. Clause O1.4 is misleading and needs to be re-written because Ageing in place is ageing in your own home – it does not require "housing diversity", it requires housing support services. Statements in pages 22 and 23 used to justify this clause are not backed up by evidence. In particular the statement on page 22 which in essence says that we need to develop outside township zones to support aging in place. Ageing in place had been misconstrued in the report to ageing in community which is not the same thing, and is not supported by the consultative process outcomes. This is a clumsy attempt to support subdivisions and development of the Green Wedge by a few people who are also calling for rezoning RCZ land in contravention of State Govt. Policy. Will be the usual suspects and the usual pieces of land that would be developers will target using ageing in place if this misconstrued principle is adopted in the final plan- Wattletree road Hurstrbridge (Drapac), around Wattle Glen Station, between Eltham and Diamond Creek, Diamond Creek and Yarrambat (Nillumbik Ratepayers Association). It is pleasing that the Govt recently reaffirmed its intention to protect the Green Wedges. Objective 01.5 is excellent - "Recognise the limits on housing development in the rural areas." That is anything outside existing township planning zones...

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

It appears not to have followed due process required by the Plan Melbourne where the FIRST priority of a Green Wedge is to Maintain and enhance diversity of indigenous flor & faunaachieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation - I cannot see how these aims are to be achieved by this generalist document. The ratepayers funds spent on the extensive consultation process do not count in the monetary value of the thousands of hours spent by community members in reading and preparing for each of the actual consultation days - all to be brought to nothing by weaving into this draft the opinion of 5 disgruntled members. The outside comment by the Inspectorate was not legal ruling or requirement but advice only. Climate change should be and overwhelming consideration and yet ignored or given little weight in this document.

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Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Do not support

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The 'devil is in the detail' which is sadly lacking in the whole of this document. Climate change issues and responses has not been given sufficient wight in this document. Nillumbik Shire is unique as a local government area having a large size and small ratebase and yet considered Urban and yet was set up to be a conservation Shire - this document us not reflecting this aim adequately

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The 'devil is in the detail' which is sadly lacking in the whole of this document. The involvement of the whole community in valuing biodiversity needs to have clear statements recognising the adverse changes that settlers and recent generations have had on the land. The settlers did not understand the impact of their land use would have on the culture of the Aboriginal peoples and on diversity and yet we now do - we have no excuse for degrading land further.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Again the 'devil is in the detail' which is sadly lacking in the whole of this document. Goal 3 talks about balance - when faced with the prospect and impact of global warming for my grandchildren the word should not be balance but redress the degradation of biodiversity, the impact of human use of land for personal pleasure or wealth. People move into the area not understanding the intrinsic value of their land to humanity but only view it for commercial and personal wealth gain. Somehow education should attempt to give them an understanding of the concept of being a custodian.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

The 'devil is in the detail' which is sadly lacking in the whole of this document. Statements that are unclear and lead to advantage being taken for monetary gain, There could be a joining together of commercial/hobby farming and sustainable practices that encourage water conservation and biodiversity.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Changes to any zoning and pin particular the RCZ should not be even considered and such moves would automatically mean that the aims inherent in setting up the Green Wedges are being debased. The concepts of buffer type moves to the edges of the RCZ

would lead to an incremental degradation of the biodiversity values of the whole Green Wedge setting up a scenario there a 'push' could be mounted to move the UGB further into the Green Wedge. This must NOT occur. We are(not should be) the custodians of the land for future generations not the destroyers of the Green Wedge. That land in the Green Wedge has been degraded, used for personal gain, should not be the excuse to allow further damage. This generation has the knowledge that past generations did not have so we have no excuse for not upholding the values inherent in the initial setting up of the the Green Wedges.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Five Key Moves

The five Key Moves below outline organisational changes for the long-term to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan.

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1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Neutral
Key Move 2 - Neutral
Key Move 3 - Neutral
Key Move 4 - Neutral
Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Principles

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Neutral

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Soil health. Increase Biodiversity and shade. Getting rid of wasps and deer are two areas to continue focus on.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

A strong economy won't come from its council.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

• Given that the largest portion of land is owned privately, environmental protection and reinvigoration must be central to the Vision for the Green Wedge. There needs to be more focus on the role of private land owners in their responsibilities to also preserve and protect the unique flora - rare and endangered species occurring on private land and why it is so important to conserve these areas, just as we do in National Parks and State Reserves. The draft does not state this strongly enough, despite it being a Strategic Focus for the Shire. Appendix 1 of Council's draft quotes the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' Furthermore, this Council is going backwards. Nillumbik used to be at the forefront of environmental issues, but is fast becoming superseded by neighbouring councils in switching from the use of agricultural chemicals, to other more eco-friendly ways to control weeds, such as Weedsteamers. This council lags while it remains dependent on the use of petrochemical based means to cost cut and save money, while we residents, either property owners or renters pay a steep price to live in this area because we

choose to live in areas such as this because we care about the environment and enjoy sharing our habitat with the local wildlife, in their natural habitat which in this shire, we are very fortunate to have in tact.

- Council's initial community engagement clearly demonstrated that the large majority of Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it maintained, protected and enhanced. This view was also expressed by the majority report of the Community Panel. Council's draft fails to acknowledge strong enough, support for the Community's position.
- The GWMP must reflect the fact that Nillumbik's Green Wedge is the most environmentally intact of Melbourne's Green Wedges, is a significant part of the wider Green Wedge system, and is for the benefit of everyone, whether they live in the area or not.
- Climate change mitigation must be an overarching Goal for the GWMP and therefore must be addressed in the Vision. It must inform all objectives and actions such as regenerative agriculture, fire management, waste management, bush regeneration, education, and economic strategy. Throughout the draft, the repeated mention of just adapting to climate change leaves the reader with the impression that Council has basically thrown their hands up in the air suggesting there is nothing that they nor Nillumbik residents can do to tackle climate change. This is not true and must be part of every day action.
- It is vital that Nillumbik respects our cultural history which predates European settlement, Indigenous people, their cultural heritage and knowledge. This barely gets a mention in the GWMP despite the fact that Indigenous people have ensured the vitality of the area's biodiversity for tens of thousands of years.

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The GWMP needs to properly discuss the values and needs of the environment, such as the importance of indigenous vegetation; habitat for wildlife and connectivity; biodiversity; ecosystem services; a 'systems view' (that all is interdependent); the global climate change and biodiversity extinction crisis; the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society.

This GWMP needs to address overlapping jurisdictions in cases such as where roadside vegetation is being poorly managed by Vic Roads and Ausnet - showing a complete lack of knowledge of the biodiversity and ecology of this region as well as total disrespect when they go about ensuring safety of their infrastructures by hacking away at trees or cutting down trees needlessly. The GWMP needs to ensure all who carry out works in the shire are acting in the best interests of maintaining the area as the Green Wedge for this state. Also roadside spraying is over done and done in unsafe manners to both cyclists and wildlife - it's not good enough for council to continue to sit on their hands while other councils work to protect their communities.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Neutral
Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree
Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree
Social equity - Neutral
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

[Goal 2: Active and creative people](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

[Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

[Goal 4: A prosperous economy](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

This draft is vague and I would say very incomplete. A one line statement in reference to giving Indigenous groups a voice in this shire, is a joke. Suggesting the area be opened up for tourism is also not well thought out given the nature of the roads in the area - and this is not to suggest that I am asking for dirt roads to be replaced by bitumen. Dirt roads serve a purpose in slowing down traffic in areas of dense populations of wildlife exist. I found it very hard to respond to questions, given the lack of detail in this draft. This draft suggests to me, that council is very out of touch with the people who call the Green Wedge their home.

I agree with all of the statements below:

1. The overriding GWMP response from Council's Community Survey (Aug 2018) and its Community Panel (Nov. 2018) was that Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge; and they want it to be maintained, protected and enhanced. Council's draft will not achieve this.
2. In Appendix 1 of Council's draft GWMP is a quote from Plan Melbourne 2017-2050, for the first priority for the Green Wedge: 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.'
The draft GWMP ignores this priority.
3. The GWMP needs to properly discuss the values and needs of the environment, such as the importance of indigenous vegetation; habitat for wildlife and connectivity; biodiversity; ecosystem services; a 'systems view' (that all is interdependent); the global climate change and biodiversity extinction crisis; the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society.

4. The GWMP needs to reaffirm the shire's conservation role. The council "Business as Usual" approach is not good enough.

5. Council's Draft is in denial that the natural environment continues to decline everywhere – In Nillumbik and globally. Maintaining a "Business as Usual" trajectory is not good enough

The 2019 Victorian State of the Environment Report - painting a bleak outlook for the state's native plants and animals; concerning the impact on biodiversity of horses, grazing and bushfire protection on private land; that more private land needs to be conserved; and the two global crises of climate change and biodiversity extinction.

6. The Urban Growth Boundary is supported. However, the Council's draft presses the state government to change the zone, or the zone's uses, on the rural side of the UGB and around our rural townships. (Land Use Planning page 40 and A5.7) This has the potential to ruin the entrances to the Green Wedge, would degrade Green Wedge amenity and start increasing the size of our rural townships.

7. Council's Draft argues that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ), no permit should be required.

So that landowners can be consulted that a piggery for example may be about to start up next door, the need for a permit in this zone should remain.

8. We need a Green Wedge Management Plan that places the Green Wedge environment, biodiversity, and their restoration as the main priority in a way that fits the 21st century challenges facing us, for our children, and our children's children.

Council's Draft GWMP is so poorly framed, and thoroughly fails the basics of what's required, that the GWMP 2010-2025 with all its objectives and actions, needs to be reinstated.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The purpose of the green wedge vision should be to describe the desired future for the place and the people – what the land, landscape, and its values look like, and what people and organisations are doing as its custodians.

It is vital that Nillumbik demonstrates its respect of Indigenous people, their cultural heritage and knowledge. This barely gets a mention in the GWMP despite the fact that Indigenous people have ensured the vitality of the area's biodiversity for tens of thousands of years. We still have a lot to learn from indigenous management practices and the role they can play in protecting our green wedge for the future.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The key moves are vaguely written and it is unclear as to exactly what council is proposing to do, therefore I disagree that they will support the delivery of the green wedge management plan

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan

Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The plan must state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to those in an area not established as a Green Wedge. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land. This needs to be clearly stated and emphasised, as we ask ourselves, 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?', rather than 'What can we get out of the land?'

The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I agree that health and wellbeing is strongly linked to nature and natural environments, making it all the more important to be clear on what these assets are, their distribution and condition, and the extent and condition we want them to have in the future.

There is no reasoning given for the action that proposes to allow prohibited uses.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Wording is incongruous – goal is “Safe and healthy environments”, sub-heading is “Healthy and safe communities enjoy living in our iconic green wedge environment” – is it the health of the environment or the community that this goal is aimed at? Nowhere does it say that the natural environment needs to be made and kept healthy, let alone what that might look like.

An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence

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Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Creating a prosperous economy is not the primary role of the green wedge, it is to protect biodiversity assets and support existing and potential agribusiness activities. In affording this protection, one can seek to enable viable businesses that contribute to the local economy, in particular those directly related to regenerative agricultural production and eco-tourism.

The draft suggests that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) no permit should be required if the land has been previously cleared and used for farming. This definition of 'cleared land' needs greater detail – much of Nillumbik has been cleared at some stage, but thanks to regeneration it holds significant environmental qualities. Permits are essential as they can ensure any agricultural activities respect the land.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The plan appears too vague to protect the future of biodiversity in our green wedge.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I do not agree because the new plan does not provide stringent enough protection to the environment nor enough focus on reinvigorating the Green Wedge. The Green Wedge is like the goose that lays the golden eggs...we need to be careful not to kill the goose. If we allow the Green Wedge to be whittled away, suddenly instead of being a special place that is attractive to residents, businesses and tourists, it will become like any other suburban area of Melbourne.

As was shown in the report of the Community Panel and in Council's initial community engagement, the majority of Nillumbik residents place a high value on the environmental values of the Green Wedge and want to see it protected and enhanced.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

There is some question as to the legitimacy of the draft GWMP as the process in arriving at the draft did not follow State Government policy requirements. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements which did not occur, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group, which includes representation of key stakeholders.

The five key moves do not place enough emphasis on the care of the natural environment. While some ideas are potentially useful, they do not go far enough, and each key move needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity in the long term.

Under the current GWMP 2010-2025 it is much clearer how the Council and community will protect the Green Wedge, and yet net loss of vegetation continues. The new draft plan is less clear, so is highly likely to lead to greater net loss of vegetation and at a faster rate.

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- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The Principles are broad statements, and lack enough detail to be confident that they will protect and enhance the environmental values of the Green Wedge. There is also no specific principle focused on preserving the environment and biodiversity. Given this plan is about managing Melbourne's most intact Green Wedge and that the majority of the community place a high value on the Green Wedge and want to see it protected and enhanced, one would expect to see a principle with the clear goal of maintaining and enhancing biodiversity and environmental values.

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Creating an engaged and connected community is clearly an important goal, and there is a great opportunity to create a plan that provides leadership and brings the community together to deliver better outcomes for the environment. If the goal of the plan is to preserve and enhance the Green Wedge, then the plan needs to re-frame the way in which it engages the community so that everyone understands they have a role to play in caring for the land and nurturing it back to good health - not just for the sake of fulfilling a policy, but for the collective wellbeing of all people and future generations around the globe.

It is also needs to highlight more clearly, that Green Wedge areas have differing needs to those areas that are not Green Wedge and different priorities necessarily will apply.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Green space is an important determinant of health, both physical and mental. Goal 2 does not go far enough in prioritising biodiversity in Nillumbik. There also needs to be greater dialogue with the Traditional Custodians of the area to better manage the environment and for the health of the whole community.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 3 is concerning because it does not articulate a strong position of protecting and prioritising the environmental values of the Green Wedge. Instead it talks about "balance". Balance suggests trading off environmental values for other, more utilitarian values, which is not in sync with the stated purpose of a Green Wedge area and is clearly out of step with international, national and state government reports which state we must prioritise the environment so we can become an ecologically sustainable society.

Again this is a missed opportunity where the plan could provide leadership and strengthen community understanding about the value of biodiversity and protecting ecosystems so that we create a landscape that is resilient and sustainable for future generations.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

There is not enough detail in this goal to suggest that it will support a prosperous economy while also prioritising environmental protection. Too often, short-term economic gains override a longer-term, big picture environmental strategy. Everyone in the community wants a prosperous economy where residents, business and visitors thrive in Nillumbik, but this type of economy must not be created at the expense of the environment. The GWMP needs to support local agriculture by encouraging better farming methods that regenerate the land rather than degrade it.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Goal 5 does contain enough emphasis on the need to maintain and enhance the diversity of native flora and fauna. It could go further in providing education and advice to residents on how to tread more gently on the environment through many simple things such as avoiding plastics, buying local produce, using the car less, etc, etc. With regard to farming, the GWMP puts at risk many small pockets of flora and fauna scattered across the shire - these small pockets need greater protection not less, and the plan should be encouraging farmers to build on these small remnants rather than paving the way for their demise.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The current draft GWMP does not reflect the community's level of commitment to the Green Wedge as demonstrated in the initial community consultation and the Panel Report. More importantly, the world is currently facing a global environmental crisis - none of this will matter if all of us don't start to act to turn this around. At this rate of species extinction and carbon pollution we are putting at risk our economy, our health and quality of life, not only for this generation, but for many generations to come. This is a big problem. But we can't wait for some magic international solution. The solution lies in what each individual community decides to do - do they act to protect their environment and try to turn around this problem, or do they ignore it, continuing on like before, hoping it won't be their problem, leaving a mess for future generations to fix?

The draft GWMP does not go far enough to protect and enhance what biodiversity we have left.

The draft GWMP does not go far enough to engage the community and lead the way to a biodiverse, sustainable future.

The draft GWMP does not clearly set out how to create a win-win sustainable economy where both business and the environment can thrive.

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I do not agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge as it is vague, so can be used in a detrimental way against the interests of maintaining the Green Wedge. The protection of the environment should be the main thrust of the vision.

Five Key Moves

The five Key Moves below outline organisational changes for the long-term to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan.

You can see more details about the [five key moves here](#).

1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Principles

The following principles informed the creation of the Green Wedge Management Plan and will inform how the goals, objectives and key actions are to be implemented.

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- Leadership
- Aboriginal voice
- A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne
- Manage change for future benefit
- Collaboration and connectedness
- Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape
- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The principles are not specific, therefore can (and probably will) be diluted. We need to take a much stronger position to not only stop the decline of the native plants and animals in our Green Wedge but start to reverse this loss.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 1. Community engagement is very important, as a green wedge community we want to be stewards of our environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 2. The passive enjoyment of our natural and unspoiled environment and open green spaces for our mental health and for our creativity is just as important as for physical recreation.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 3. I am worried about the use of the word 'balance' as it implies a need for compromising the environment, leading to the dilution of protecting the environment.

Public education in our community about biodiversity and its importance is paramount.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 4. The GWMP needs to emphasise 'a prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy', as strong protection of our environment will not hinder prosperity.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Goal 5. The RCZ is not too restrictive of farming practice, as implied in the draft GWMP. The 'Urban Growth Boundary' must be treated as a hard boundary, no soft encroachment can be allowed.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Our community loves the Green Wedge, and most residents have chosen to live here for this reason and strongly wish to maintain and strengthen the protection of our natural environment.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The flavor of the vision is to 'manage' rather than to 'protect'. Enhancing the economic sustainability of the Green Wedge will come at a cost to the environmental sustainability. Protecting the Green Wedge should not be measured in dollars and cents, there is a real opportunity to protect this valuable community asset into the future, introducing statements such as 'further examination is warranted to determine whether the current application of the zones to private land hinders any of the objectives of this plan' is clearly a direction which is not in the best interests of the whole shire, but rather a few private owners who are looking to 'cash in'.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Each of the ‘Five Key Moves’ contain potentially useful ideas depending on how they are applied, there needs to be more focus on the care of the natural environment. • The document needs to describe in much greater detail the ACTIONS to be taken, and each of these must prioritise best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation across the shire.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The Principles need to reflect the community's passion to protect the Green Wedge.

The GWMP must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritized in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment–Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our natural environment to ensure it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.'

An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity, and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP.

Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The plan needs to be more clear that the Green Wedge areas of the Shire have particular needs that are different to those in an area that is not part of a Green Wedge. The plan should show points that expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land.

How can we protect, preserve and enhance the environment rather than what we can get from the land.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Nillumbik's biodiversity should be top priority and maintained with the Traditional Custodians, to support the link between health and the natural environment. This relates to physical, mental and social health.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The use of the word 'balance' is not appropriate, it shows that our views are not prioritizing the health of the our environment as per state government direction.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Indigenous vegetation and the importance of its conservation and protection on both private and public land needs to be given more weight.

The community as a whole needs to focus on working together to increase knowledge to address climate change and extinction crisis.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Nillumbik can play a major role in acting locally to address a much wider problem, lets be leaders and best practice Shire in protecting the Green Wedge. The community are passionate and willing to be part of something very unique.

We are the most livable Shire because of our amazing natural surrounds, softening the protection will have detrimental effects now and into the future.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The message from the community and the vast majority of the panel is loud and clear, the high environmental values of the Green Wedge Plan should be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. The draft does not outline specific objectives, actions, and accountability measures for the long term protection of the Green Wedge.

We must be true to the intention of the Green Wedge review and the overwhelming majority of the panels and the communities views to protect the Green Wedge.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

There is a huge lack of detail in the plan. There are no concrete and measurable plans or goals that show how Council is going to achieve the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' This is a priority for residents of Nillumbik and the Green Wedge Management Plan should have clear goals of how to achieve this.

It should also be clear about how it is going to mitigate climate change, adapt for the risks and promote actions that can reduce the impact of the shire.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Again, there is a worrying lack of detail about the implementation of these moves. As well, there are no measurable outcomes that are aimed to be achieved through this strategy to hold council to account. While the five key moves are good ideas, as there is no detail about their implementation, the outcomes they hope to achieve or any priority about maintaining the natural environment.

Council also has not followed State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, 'Each GWMP will set out a series of actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation.' If these Key Moves were improved to match these requirements, then they would be worthy to be reviewed by the public.

The current GWMP has much greater detail than this new draft, and should be used as a basis for improvement.

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Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

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Again, there is a huge lack of detail. Council also needs to have more emphasis on gearing this plan towards the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.'

The Principles also do not address the pressing need to create proactive approaches to manage climate change and the loss of biodiversity.

If these principles were expanded to be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely), then they would be able to be better evaluated and get decent feedback from the community.

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment.

The plan must state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to those in an area not established as a Green Wedge. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land. This needs to be clearly stated and emphasised, as we ask ourselves, 'How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?', rather than 'What can we get out of the land?'.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of ALL indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it THROUGHOUT the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that ALL is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise. The use of stocktakes and studies [see A3.1, p32] that describe some areas of vegetation as more significant or valuable than others is alarming as it can lead to greater degradation of the environment which is already under pressure. The majority of the Shire's ecosystems are already 'disturbed' because

of mismanagement, and this means we must change our ways. Every Objective and Action ought to aim for preservation and reinvigoration of the environment. One of the greatest threats to the Shire is 'death by a thousand cuts', where bit by bit land clearing and grazing leave our flora and fauna vulnerable to ever-increasing stress and disappearance. In turn this also places greater pressure on our community's overall well being.

An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. The draft suggests that to start farming in the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) no permit should be required if the land has been previously cleared and used for farming. This definition of 'cleared land' needs greater detail – much of Nillumbik has been cleared at some stage, but thanks to regeneration it holds significant environmental qualities. Permits are essential as they can ensure any agricultural activities respect the land. It also means that residents will be informed about the piggery etc proposed for next door.

This draft must mention the fact that tourism developments in the Green Wedge need to be "in conjunction" with agricultural uses, as stated in Section 55 of the planning scheme. This clause of the planning scheme decreases the likelihood of inappropriate development.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems

and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire.

This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. Responsible Leadership should have a section dealing with climate change mitigation in accordance with the precautionary principle.

Council ought to provide education and free, easily accessible advice to residents on a range of topics such as 'avoid - reduce - reuse - recycle', reducing meat-consumption, buying local produce and growing your own, responsible waste disposal, reduction of car-dependence, benefits of native vegetation etc.

This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement. Key Action A5.6 and A5.7 [page 40 of the draft] propose changes to how land within the Green Wedge can be used. This has the potential to erode the values of the Green Wedge and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The UGB must be treated as a hard boundary. The GWMP needs to recognise the leading role that Nillumbik can play; that we can be part of the solution, acting locally to address global problems. We're a relatively affluent population. Nillumbik is the perfect place to start turning things around. If not here and now, where and when?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

This is a huge opportunity to improve and build on the previous plan and to address the pressing climate change risks that the community faces. This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. Council also needs to provide more education and free, easily accessible advice to residents on a range of topics such as

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The vision is fine ,but overdone , overcooked to the extent that we hear the same old stuff regards environment, over and over , far too much influence from a radical minority who are leveraging with ever more sneaky tactics to get their way , ie C81 and C101 type outcomes.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The plan is convoluted and onerous , going over the same old ground ,again and again. Wasting public funds on repetitious exercises regarding environment, planning etc etc.Nillumbiks GW plan will not save the planet !!

Key move 2. I was severely impacted in the 2009 fires and I find councils cannot build resilience only people can build resilience if they are left alone . Key move 3. Already done ,many times over. Key move 4. People can achieve these things without central control.

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- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

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Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan

Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I most definitely do not agree with the whole of shire approach, simply put , townsfolk do not live in the GW areas and therefore ,in most cases do not face the difficulties of living and having to deal with the issues at hand in this forum.I feel if the towns folk were so passionate about the GW they would live there!

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

It is VERY stressfull ,however necessary to yet again be involved in these processes , having been severeley impacted in 2009 by fire , I find it extremely difficult and depressing to deal with anything Council . Be mindful fire is quick , council is torturously slow and depressing . The right to rebuild after fire or natural disaster should not be a planning or permit requirement . It should be a right without encumberence of any sort. I have witnessed many mental breakdowns as a result of this absolute unesseccary council requirement. This needs to be addressed with urgency . Council in this regard must act and include land use rights in the GWMP.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I think the Vision is either too weak or omits to mention:

1. Protection of the environment
2. Most of the Green Wedge zones in other Councils have been decimated by development with devastating results - Nillumbik's Vision in the GWMP should commit to not going the same way as those others!

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

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Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

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Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

There are lots of motherhood statements. There needs to be detail on what is to be done and how.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

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Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

There is insufficient detail to allow agreement and prevent the reading in of community support for objectionable specifics at a later date. All the repeated references to consultation and forums, etc. should be consolidated and the pages given over to specifics.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Move 2, 3 & 5 have not been defined sufficiently to move them out of the motherhood category.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

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Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

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Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These are pretty much motherhood values so no surprise there. Ticking agree must not be taken to support and particular action by council/shire. This question and the GWMP content apparently are intended to give the GWMP runs on the board.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

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Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

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Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

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Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

A4.8 The "right to farm" is too wide and will likely degrade the GW. Control (if any available) would be dependent on the political complexion of the Council.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Do not support A5.6, A5.7 and A5.8. The conservation value of the land needs to be enhanced. This is not the prime purpose of farms which are a business.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The document reiterates various consultation processes etc. blowing the doco out to 46 pages. Scattered inside are some nice specifics and some bad specifics. AA new art gallery is the former. Rezoning of land and related is the latter. There are a lot of "consider"s and "investigate"s concealing the crunch issues such as land use.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The environmental qualities of the Green Wedge need to be maintained and that needs to be the focus of the Management Plan. Most residents want these qualities to be maintained, protected and enhanced. Climate change mitigation must be an overarching goal.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Where is the detail?

It appears that Council has failed to follow State Government policy requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur.

This draft fails to clearly articulate an Implementation Plan based on clearly stated Objectives and Actions and the Council Department responsible for implementation. As stated in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, 'Each GWMP will set out a series of actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation.' The current GWMP has much greater detail than this new draft, and should be used as a basis for improvement.

The 'Five Key Moves' contain potentially useful ideas depending on how they are applied, and there needs to be much greater emphasis on the care of the natural environment.

The document needs to describe in much greater detail the ACTIONS to be taken, and each of these must prioritize best environmental practice, ensuring the protection of ALL native vegetation and fauna across the Shire.

Every descriptor needs to clearly indicate how it will contribute to the protection and reinvigoration of biodiversity for the long term.

The current GWMP 2010 -2025 describes in much greater detail the ways Council and community will ensure the protection of the green wedge. However there has been consistent net loss of vegetation. This demonstrates that any new plan must be stronger and clearer about the actions which will be taken to reverse this ongoing decline. The draft GWMP does not achieve this.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment and they need to reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge.

The GWMP must describe how the values of the Green Wedge will be prioritized in keeping with the State Government's policies Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 and Protecting Victoria's Environment–Biodiversity 2037, which is 'Victoria's plan to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment so it is healthy, valued and actively cared for.'

An additional Principle that focuses on Preservation of Environment and Biodiversity, and describes the urgent need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change should be added to the GWMP. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan.

As with the 'Five Key Moves', the outlined Principles contain potentially useful ideas but there needs to be greater emphasis on the protection of the environment. For example, the principle that says, 'The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its values and with a focus on long-term

stewardship.’ could read, “The green wedge is a changing environment and home to many people. Change will be managed to conserve its biodiversity and environmental values and with a focus on long-term stewardship

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but must be framed in the context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus.

The plan must state more clearly that the Shire and Green Wedge areas have particular needs that are different to an area that is not a Green Wedge area. The new plan presents an opportunity to highlight and expand the role of the whole community in stewardship of the land. This is a missed opportunity and needs to be clearly stated, as we ask ourselves, ‘How can we maintain and reinvigorate the environment?’, rather than ‘What can we get out of the land?’.

The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community, our collective well being depends on it, as does the environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

We need to ensure that Nillumbik’s biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical

activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental well being and social connectedness.

In order to better manage the natural environment of the Shire, greater dialogue must be generated and maintained with the Traditional Custodians of the area. This is vital for the health of the whole community and the environment in which we live.

A Key Action of Goal 2 must focus on this.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

The GWMP needs to more strongly acknowledge the importance of all indigenous vegetation and address the urgent need to conserve it throughout the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (that ALL is interdependent); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise.

Goal 3 repeatedly uses the language of 'balance', and this needs to be amended as it indicates that our thinking is oppositional. It implies that there is a need to trade-off environmental health against other considerations, while international, national, and state government reports indicate that we must prioritize the health of our environment. For example, A3.12, p 33, speaks of balancing amenity, environmental considerations, private water extraction and community considerations. What needs to take place is a prioritization of environmental considerations, as without optimal environmental health, all other activity and considerations will be constrained.

The use of stock takes and studies [see A3.1, p32] that describe some areas of vegetation as more significant or valuable than others is alarming as it can lead to greater degradation of the environment which is already under pressure. The majority of the Shire's ecosystems are already 'disturbed' because of mismanagement, and this means we must change our ways. Every Objective and Action ought to aim for preservation and reinvigoration of the environment. One of the greatest threats to the Shire is 'death by a thousand cuts', where bit by bit land clearing and grazing leave our flora and fauna vulnerable to ever-increasing stress and disappearance. In turn this also places greater pressure on our community's overall well being.

An additional Action must be to undertake a massive public education campaign about biodiversity, the value of ecosystems, care for natural landscapes, bushfire risk reduction through understanding the ancient role of fire in the landscape, the significance of the Green Wedge, climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'.

Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP. The need for a framework that encourages sustainable land management practices is described in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, entitled 'Preparing a Green Wedge Management Plan', and so this has to be clearly demonstrated in any GWMP. This current draft does not achieve this requirement. This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'.

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Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Stewardship of the land is mentioned in the draft plan, and its role must be better defined in Goal 5, Responsible Leadership. It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems

and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire.

This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less.

Responsible Leadership should have a section dealing with climate change mitigation in accordance with the precautionary principle.

Council ought to provide education and free, easily accessible advice to residents on a range of topics such as 'avoid -reduce -reuse -recycle', reducing meat consumption, buying local produce and growing your own, responsible waste disposal, reduction of car-dependence, benefits of native vegetation etc.

This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP -Plan Melbourne 2017-2050). It is Council's responsibility to make significant contributions to the education of residents for the protection and care of biodiversity. Alongside education, it is essential that appropriate resources are allocated to the enforcement of policy standards. Nillumbik's Biodiversity Report outlines the ongoing loss of native vegetation and part of the problem is inadequate enforcement. Key Action A5.6 and A5.7 [page 40 of the draft] propose changes to how land within the Green Wedge can be used. This has the potential to erode the values of the Green Wedge and effectively increase the spread of residential and commercial development outside the Urban Growth Boundary. The UGB must be treated as a hard boundary. The GWMP needs to recognize the leading role that Nillumbik can play; that we can be part of the solution, acting locally to address global problems. We're a relatively affluent population. Nillumbik is the perfect place to start turning things around. If not here and now, where and when?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this.

The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures

that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge.

Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global".

There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge.

The impact of invasive species –flora and fauna –is significant and this must be better addressed.

The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation, and urgent climate change mitigation.

It is necessary that we uphold the highest of professional standards throughout the Shire and its leadership.

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.'

Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I would like to see the Green Wedge protected for now and in the future.

Five Key Moves

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1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I mostly agree but do not support any over development within Green Wedge. Public transport should improved in the townships.

Principles

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- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Neutral

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

1. I don't have much faith in some of the current Councilors ability to protect and enhance the Green Wedge, after they tried to sell off the 17 existing reserves and the War Memorial site.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I support more single story unit development for aged persons with the existing townships.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Walking paths and bicycle tracks need to be separated for for enjoyment and safety of walkers and bikes, as some bike riders are speeding.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Sounds good.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I do not support over development within Green Wedge. The Green Wedge is part of the lungs of Melbourne and needs to be protected for now and future from unnecessary tree clearing and over development. Farm Gate sales sounds to me like rural warehouse type shops and lots of traffic.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I think zoning of the Green Wedge be to basically to protect the existing rural area and only be changed were necessary with community and Council support .

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

1. The state government's list of desired planning outcomes (Appendix 1) for each green wedge starts with "protect and enhance [the green wedge's] environmental and biodiversity assets". Yet the single-paragraph draft vision (page 5) entirely omits this desired outcome. Instead its focus is exclusively about people. This is more than a shortcoming in the draft GWMP, it is a fundamental and fatal error. 2. Under the draft vision are the words (page 5), "Opportunities to grow agriculture, tourism, recreation and local jobs and services will be actively sought." This is worrisome. Increasing the scale of human activities in the green wedge is the dominant threat to its environmental and landscape values. Therefore, to seek opportunities to expand such activities (with the exception of recreation) has no place in a plan to manage Nillumbik's Green Wedge.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Under "key move 2" is the action (page 13), "include robust conversations on the natural environment and biodiversity values, bushfire risk reduction, economic development, agriculture, economic and community rebuilding post events, human health, well-being and safety and water catchment planning." It is true that some of these topics, especially "economic development" may conflict with "natural environment" and hence there will be "robust conversations", but the GWMP must state clearly that the natural environment and green landscape have top priority in the green wedge.

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- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

An important principle is missing from the list, namely to focus on maintaining and enhancing the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieving a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation. This should be a major priority of the plan, as clearly enunciated in the state government's list of desired planning outcomes (Appendix 1).

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The goal of engaging the community is appropriate, but some of the draft words are alarming. Most alarming is the statement that current plans to concentrate new housing within existing townships "may have to be re-examined ... to accommodate incremental growth [in Nillumbik's Green Wedge]". I strongly disagree. The paramount values of the green wedge and those that the community appreciate most, namely its environmental and landscape values, are being eroded by residential development. So a goal to accommodate more residential growth in the green wedge is entirely inappropriate.

Furthermore, such a goal is inconsistent with the State's planning framework which applies (page 23), "prioritisation of conserving and enhancing the landscape ahead of residential development in the [green wedge]". The pressure for residential growth due to the green wedge's proximity to metropolitan Melbourne (highlighted on page 9) must be resisted, NOT accommodated. To accommodate it undermines the whole rationale for the green wedge. As stated in the draft (page 19), the green wedge environment is an irreplaceable resource for the local and metropolitan community.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

1. It is evident from recent studies that native vegetation continues to decline in Nillumbik, and that clearing is a leading and damaging cause. There is passing mention of efforts to conserve and protect biodiversity but I cannot find a single recommended action in the entire draft document aimed at actually enhancing the natural environment, or increasing the quality and quantity of native vegetation –outcomes that are required of a proper GWMP (Appendix 1). 2. On the contrary, there are worrisome statements such as "native plants and animals have intrinsic value but that there is also a need for balanced outcomes. Maintaining a healthy natural environment is vital but creates a complex challenge to find the right balance between protection and how we use land." The use of the word "balance" is inappropriate in this situation. The purpose of the green wedge is to "balance" (offset) urbanisation in the non-green wedge areas of Melbourne. The balance is NOT to be achieved WITHIN the green wedge. That would degrade its value to metropolitan Melbourne.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

1. Economic activities within the green wedge are only acceptable if they, in no way,

reduce or put at risk the environmental and landscape values of the green wedge which are its raison d'etre. It is appropriate for the GWMP to seek to improve the quality, efficiency and sustainability of such economic activities, but it is entirely inappropriate to promote their expansion in the green wedge. The purpose of the green wedge is to provide a counter balance to the economic activity happening in the non-green wedge areas of Melbourne. To encourage or support expanded economic activities within the green wedge is not one of its functions: contrarily it threatens its primary function. 2. Visitors to Nillumbik's Green Wedge from metropolitan Melbourne should be welcomed, since that fits with the green wedge's function, but that is not the same thing as boosting the "visitor economy" (page 38). The difference is critical.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

To encourage private landowners in the green wedge to use the land responsibly, the draft prefers education/empowerment over regulation/enforcement. To illustrate this preference, the draft is critical of the requirement of an owner of cleared land to get a planning permit before farming it. I disagree strongly. There is not a choice between education/empowerment and regulation/enforcement. Both are needed, and both need strengthening. An analogy is the manner in which private vehicle owners are encouraged to use the road responsibly. This is done through a combination of strong education coupled with decisive regulation/enforcement. The suggestion that obtaining a permit is an impediment to doing the right thing lacks credibility. It harks back to the outdated attitude that landowners should have unfettered rights to how they use their land. In today's world, successful and harmonious communities can only function if individual rights are subordinate to community rights. In view of both the decline in (net loss of) the green wedge's indigenous vegetation and its importance to Melbourne's growing population, Nillumbik's Green Wedge desperately needs tighter management and stronger Council leadership than is currently the case. The Government's Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 document states that the GWMP must aim to "achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation". The draft does not do this.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

There are some worthwhile sentiments expressed in the draft GWMP, but these are overshadowed by its serious shortcomings. In addition to the criticisms outlined above, I have the following general comments: 1. As stated about, the draft vision for the plan

focuses exclusively on people. The same is true of the first paragraph in the draft's introduction (page 7) which highlights firstly landscape values (and omits environmental values) and, secondly, the benefits to people (and omits the importance of and needed benefits for other species). The catch-phase "Living in the Landscape" is another example of this disturbingly narrow human-centric focus. 2. Important features of Nillumbik's Green Wedge are the diversity of its indigenous flora and fauna and the quantity and quality of native vegetation, yet the draft GWMP makes no attempt either to describe these features, or to report on their status, or to identify the threats to them, or to recommend measures to enhance them. All these matters are fundamental components and inputs to a proper plan of action. The draft fails to address any. The statistical analysis headed "The green wedge key data" on pages 16-17 is all about people, housing and employment. Where is the data describing all the wonderful native plant species, wildlife and the scenic vistas which are the essence of the green wedge? 2. Nillumbik's Green Wedge and its paramount environment values clearly need better protection. In fact, that is a requirement of its management plan. Instead the draft plan promotes the economic exploitation of the green wedge and the relaxation of environmental protections, both of which are diametrically opposite to what the plan is required to do. The most egregious instances are: that the green wedge should accommodate residential growth (page 22); and that a balance should be sought between protecting the green wedge's natural environment and how people use green wedge land (page 29). 3. As currently drafted, this proposed plan is a huge step backwards in proper management of Nillumbik's Green Wedge and, if implemented, will accelerate the demise of its irreplaceable and precious environmental and landscape values.

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree
Key Move 2 - Strongly agree
Key Move 3 - Strongly agree
Key Move 4 - Strongly agree
Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Key Move 1: Acknowledging the critical role of landholders on both small and large properties is fundamental to the sustainable management of the Green Wedge given that 80% of it is privately owned. Supporting and empowering residents on acreage is a vital step towards achieving this. Key Move 3: We need to work towards having a greater 'shire-wide' understanding and appreciation of the valuable role of small landholdings of both cleared pasture and bush in maintaining the Green Wedge. Key Move 5: Acknowledging and understanding the elements / components, that combined make up the Nillumbik GW is critical to understanding and planning for it and its effective management. We need to work from a factual base, not a mythical, ideological one that does not acknowledge the 'what is', the here and now and historical framework. We believe in the recognition and protection of existing cleared grazing land and treed pastures for animal keeping, agricultural purposes, for fire breaks and the rural scenic amenity.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree
Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree
Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree
Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree
Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree
Social equity - Strongly agree
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne: AGREE: Agree in principle that the Green Wedge is an asset for rural and urban dwellers, however, the management of land within the Green Wedge should not be weighted by the opinion of urban residents who usually have little or no practical experience or understanding of the elements that contribute to good land management. Input from the urban sector is likely to be highly ideological and emotive with uninformed judgement of rural resident's capabilities or commitment to manage their land.
Sustainability and the precautionary principle: AGREE: However, the Precautionary Principle needs to be applied with care, not as an automatic response in all situations.

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

A1.1 Valuing people, not solely the environment – they are interdependent. Agree that residents within the Green Wedge have 'high regard for the natural environment and the rural lifestyle that the landscape provides and invest in its management.' A1.6 Agree with Action 1.6, however small (undersized) lots with existing dwellings that may be lost through bushfire, should have the right to rebuild. A1.11 Acknowledge council's recognition of the importance of unsealed roads that provide for horse riding and other recreational users when considering sealing a road. Consideration and provision must

be given to all road users, not just cars. Roadside verges play a key role in the safety of recreational road users in the provision of off-road trails.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Supporting healthy and active lifestyles through increased opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of the natural outdoors translates into the enhancement of resident's wellbeing. Acknowledging the importance of safe walking, cycling and horse-riding trail options. A safe network of shared trails of local and regional significance will provide both residents of and visitors to Nillumbik, the opportunity to safely enjoy the shires wonderful natural areas and landscapes.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

O3.4 Supports this objective and advocates for a safe refuge where residents can take their animals in the event of a significant bushfire. O3.5 Equine pasture properties in the rural Green Wedge contribute significantly to the natural beauty and sustainability of the GW and advocate that they be given equal protection as bushland in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme. A3.1 Acknowledging and understanding the elements / components that combined make up the Nillumbik GW, is critical to understanding and planning for it and its effective management. We need to work from a factual base, not an ideological one that does not acknowledge the 'what is', the here and now and historical framework. We believe in the recognition and protection of existing cleared grazing land and treed pastures for agricultural purposes, animal keeping, for fire breaks and the rural scenic amenity. A3.2 Should a review of the ESOs be undertaken, apply an overlay for existing rural cleared pasture to place a value on it and preserve it through the Nillumbik Planning Scheme. A3.4 Support any initiative for pest plant and animal management. A3.5 Supports responsible land management on public and private land. A3.9 In any future review of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme with respect landscape character, there should be acknowledgement of the role rural grazing properties play in landscape character and vistas.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

O4.2 Agriculture is an integral part of rural living in the Nillumbik Green Wedge and we support initiatives to grow and supply produce locally. O4.3 Valuing of small landholders' contribution to land management given that most of the Green Wedge is in private ownership. Equine grazing properties in the rural areas contribute significantly to the economic sustainability of the GW, as pasture properties and equine activities both create and contribute to local businesses. O4.4 value the recognition and support offered to the local equine community, acknowledging its integral role in the financial viability of our rural areas. A4.9 Endorse the finalisation and implementation of the Nillumbik Equine Strategy to provide the data that substantiates the value of the equine community to the Nillumbik Green Wedge. A4.10 Acknowledging the importance of safe walking, cycling and horse-riding trail options. A safe network of shared trails of local and regional significance will provide both residents of and visitors to Nillumbik, the opportunity to safely enjoy the shire's wonderful natural areas and landscapes, while financially supporting rural GW townships.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

A5.1 Acknowledging the critical role of small and large landholders is fundamental to the sustainable management of the GW given that 80% of it is privately owned. Supporting and empowering residents on acreage is a vital step towards achieving this. A5.6 Agree that the RCZ is intended to support conservation and should be applied to land for which that is the primary purpose. However, there has been long-term disparity and tension between the existing RCZ Zoning, both the historic and existing landscapes and existing mixed land uses on the myriad of smaller 'lifestyle' properties or 'hobby farms'. Also, existing cleared grazing land is not recognized or valued under the RCZ, despite its prevalence throughout the Nillumbik Green Wedge and its fundamental role in supporting agriculture and rural lifestyles. By valuing and preserving existing grazing land for agricultural uses, this helps to ensure the conservation of areas of high value biodiversity.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

According to "Plan Melbourne 2017-2050" the FIRST priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' This is the reason I moved into the Green Wedge. Yet the Council's "Vision" for the Green Wedge does not reflect this priority. Residents of the Green Wedge, like the rest of humanity, live with a climate emergency that is causing the extinction of species. I need the Council to tackle this actively, not merely to talk about "adaptation".

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

These key moves are vague - less specific than the previous version of the GWMP. Actually, given the climate emergency, we need clearer and more specific action to protect indigenous flora and fauna. The "Key Moves" as proposed would simply waste time and energy unproductively. Instead, we need clearly stated ACTIONS targeted towards the protection of indigenous flora and fauna.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These principles are all vague "motherhood" statements, and many are couched in jargon with little meaning. They might sound fine, but they all lack the necessary focus on the protection of indigenous flora and fauna. They do not reflect the urgent current need to deal with the effects of climate change on the Green Wedge.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The basis of our engagement and connections should be the recognition that Nillumbik is a conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as its strategic focus. This was the distinguishing characteristic of Nillumbik from its beginnings. It is the reason we live here. It should be the basis upon which we engage and connect.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity should be the top priority.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

If we are to be a safe and healthy community, will need to give priority to environmental considerations, and transform to become an ecologically sustainable community. There is a terrible lost opportunity to address this issue systematically and properly in the current draft of the GWMP.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Activities leading to economic prosperity should always be assessed in relation to the need for environmental protections. This is an urgent priority in Nillumbik. If we take up the challenge, we will thrive economically and in other ways. Activities that are inconsistent with environmental protection, such as allowing horses to continue to degrade indigenous vegetation, should have no place in the Green Wedge.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I would like to see Nillumbik provide real leadership, by acting locally towards addressing global problems. The vision of the GWMP is terribly limited and unfocused. A particular concern is the implication that environmental protection is an activity relevant only to certain areas of the Shire. As a resident of the Bend of Islands, I have come to understand the importance of environmental protection outside the Environmental Living Zone, and the importance of biodiversity throughout the Green Wedge, to help to protect our indigenous flora and fauna.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I found the Green Wedge Management Plan to be painful to read. It is a terribly disappointing outcome of such widespread community consultation and activity, the strongest message of which was that we cherish high environmental values for the Green Wedge and want them maintained. This is the reason I moved here and choose to live here. The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Yes I have a number of concerns: This is not a vision that the community shares in that it ignores the strong view of the community and the community panel to protect the Green Wedge and its existing environmental values. What was the point of the so-called consultation and the appointment of a community panel if the views were to be ignored? Environmental protection must be the number one priority but this is not adequately reflected in the Vision nor is the danger that climate change poses to the maintenance of the Green Wedge.

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The five key moves seem to have been written in haste by somebody with little understanding of environmental issues nor of actions needed to ensure the maintenance of the Green Wedge. Much more detail is needed in a much more thorough examination of indicators which show the true health of the environment and the causes of decline. A pretty poor effort all round for such an important plan. The council would do well to examine the content of the existing Green Wedge plan (2010 – 2025). This document, which did not need to be rewritten, outlines a much more comprehensive plan to ensure ongoing protection of the Green Wedge in terms of restoring areas where vegetation has been removed or for other reasons no longer exists due in some cases to climate change. As a bottom line any actions taken must ensure the protection of the natural environment. That is what the Green Wedge are about but that is not what this new version seems to be about. Apart from ignoring the community feedback the Council has also ignored proper process in not following State Government requirements in the preparation of the new plan and in its failure to establish a project steering group.

Principles

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- Social equity

- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The principles lack knowledge of Nillumbik, its land, its people, and its history. And then proposes how Nillumbik should proceed based on what appears to be an homogenous plan lifted from a similar enquiry in another municipality. Again the simplistic and broadbrush approach to these principles speaks of a rush job and/or a lack of expertise in the preparation of major environmental protection documents. It also reflects the views of someone who sees everything in terms of an economic outcome.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The one underlying aim should be to educate the community about what a green wedge is and how it can be supported, maintained, preserved. Once that is done we can look at

further actions. The plan needs to make it clear that Nillumbik has needs which are very different to those in a non green wedge municipality. It should also be about mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

I am concerned about some of the wording of the objectives: For example O2.6 Ensure that council owned heritage places are accessible and sustainable and make better use of our heritage assets to support cultural tourism initiatives and leverage further economic benefits for green wedge communities. What does 'leverage further economic benefits' mean and what about protecting existing environmental values? Also A2.7 Use the Nillumbik Planning Scheme as a positive means to encourage heritage conservation and management, including support of adaptive reuse of heritage places and allowing prohibited uses, if they help support the conservation of a heritage place and are in line with planning policy objectives. How does 'allowing prohibited uses' 'encourage heritage conservation'?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

There are several points which refer to 'balance' as an objective which seems to suggest that protection of the environment needs to be balanced against the need for economic development in green wedge. I am concerned about the following in particular. Highly relevant is the Victorian Government's Biodiversity Strategy 2037 which sets out the roadmap to stop the decline of our biodiversity and achieve overall biodiversity improvement over the next 20 years. It acknowledges that native plants and animals have intrinsic value but that there is also a need for balanced outcomes. Maintaining a healthy natural environment is vital but creates a complex challenge to find the right balance between protection and how we use land. What is a 'balanced outcome' in terms of the intrinsic value of native plants and animals? Can native plants and animals become collateral damage?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

The purpose of the Green Wedge is not to 'facilitate economic growth'. Any further development of agricultural and tourism and other businesses in green wedges should not be at the cost of maintaining and sustaining and indeed improving the natural environment. The maintenance of the green wedge is paramount and not business development. Neither is it the job of the Shire of Nillumbik or any other municipal council in Australia to 'create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation'. That is the role of State and Federal governments. If Nillumbik does not have enough money to manage the green wedge then it needs to either raise rates or lobby the State Government. Nillumbik is the custodian of one part of a system of green wedges across Melbourne and manages it for the benefit and use of all Melburnians and so it is incumbent on all Melburnians to pay for its maintenance. To suggest that Nillumbik should look to the green wedge to provide income is to forget what the green wedge is about. Should all municipal green wedge custodians take the view that the green wedges are some sort of cash cow to be exploited when councils are short of money then those green wedges do not have a future. The objectives are muddle headed. 04.2 wishes to encourage productive agriculture and A4.4 wants to ensure that land remains available for agriculture and discourage the further fragmentation of agricultural lands, while 04.4 wants to support the equine community, a community which has effectively locked away a significant portion of Nillumbik's agricultural land, introduced weeds and erosion to bushland and generally degraded the environment. Is it a surprise that the current Mayor is a horse riding lobbyist?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

The current council has a poor record with regard to proper consultation with the community. That includes listening and acting . It is not enough to conduct sham public consultations and then go off and continue with a pre-determined agenda. That sort of behaviour on a number of issues has undermined public trust in the council and the process and credibility of this whole draft GWMP Before proceeding with plans for economic development of the green wedge Council must show the community that perseveration of the existing environment is paramount and that any economic development must put the environment first.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Throughout the draft GWMP it seems clear to me that there is a hidden agenda. I say this because I know that the views of those chosen to represent the community were largely ignored. I also know that some councillors have a background in Liberal pro-business politics – including both current and former mayors - which sees exploiting the environment as being ok if there is a positive economic outcome. If there is some environmental damage along the way then that is the cost of creating jobs and economic opportunity, blah, blah, blah. In that sense I see the draft as a political document with an agenda that is obvious in some parts of the plan. I am also concerned that we still have a GWMP in place and so the council needs to explain adequately why a new one is needed.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

It needs to be focused on environmental protection and strengthening the Strategic Focus of the Shire which should be a central concept. The priority has to be to maintain (and I would argue increase) and enhance the biodiversity of our remaining indigenous flora and fauna through ongoing protection. This cannot be stressed strongly enough as it will benefit not only Nillumbik residents but Melbourne in general for generations to come.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The five key moves have some benefits but there is a lack of detail in how they are to be applied - actions need to be outlined ensuring protection of all native vegetation and fauna. The current GWMP 2010 - 2025 describes in much greater detail (than the new draft) the ways Council and community will ensure the protection of the green wedge. However there has been consistent net loss of vegetation, which proves that any new plan must be stronger and clearer about the actions which will be taken to reverse this ongoing decline. The draft GWMP does not achieve this.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

There is no detail as to how each Principle will be interpreted and applied while protecting the environment. Protecting the Green Wedge has to be of paramount importance and must support the need to reverse the decline of biodiversity and effects of climate change. Biodiversity Protection should be given the status of a Goal in the Plan. There needs to be greater emphasis on the protection of the environment.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Engaging the community is important but must come after the need for environmental protection. The community as a whole must come together to ensure serious action is taken to mitigate climate change and draw down carbon emissions. This is a top priority for how we live together as a community – our collective wellbeing depends on it, as does the environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

This goal will take care of itself if the focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is the top priority. Green space is essential in our increasingly busy lives in increasingly cramped suburban dwellings as over-development is rife, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social connectedness.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

All indigenous vegetation needs to be protected and conserved throughout the Shire, on private and public land. The community must work together to focus on increasing habitat for wildlife and connectivity; preserving biodiversity; valuing what ecosystems provide; developing a 'systems view' (the web of life - all is interdependent and no species lives in isolation); address the climate change and extinction crises, and the need to transform to an ecologically sustainable society. This must become the underpinning ethos that guides the Actions and all other aspects of the plan, without compromise.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

There will be no economy if we don't have a healthy environment and the protections to keep it from continual degradation. This goal is not a priority in its current wording and should reflect 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'. Support for local agriculture is important but must always provide for the continuing health of the environment. New systems that respect and promote regenerative farming including water conservation, Indigenous knowledge, and indigenous flora and fauna must be encouraged. The obvious link between sustainable agricultural practices, climate change mitigation and a healthy Green Wedge, must be central to the GWMP.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

It needs to explain that Nillumbik residents have an obligation to care for the land, not degrade it, and this must be for the entirety of their tenure. Responsible stewardship also asks that the land, its diverse ecosystems and waterways, are passed on in a better state. Council must educate residents about these matters, and lead the way by increasing revegetation of indigenous flora throughout the Shire. This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less. This Goal in its entirety must place much greater emphasis on the need to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' (Refer 1st item in Appendix 1 of draft GWMP - Plan Melbourne 2017-2050).

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

It is clear from initial community consultation and the Panel Report that Nillumbik residents and the wider population of Melbourne want the Green Wedge protected to a much higher standard, focusing on high environmental values and controls. Any new GWMP must be based on these requirements and deliver them without fail. At the moment the draft GWMP lacks detail, omits significant objectives, actions and accountability measures that would promote environmental protection as being a priority. Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term protection of the Green Wedge for the future health and benefit of our communities, including plant and animal communities.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I think the Vision has too much emphasis on people and not enough focus on the function of Green Wedges to conserve native vegetation and wildlife habitat. By making the whole emphasis of the vision about people and their ability to "live in the landscape" and not enough on the broader responsibility of Council other than through supporting the community living in the landscape to enact the Vision. I think the Vision as stated makes the whole plan entirely too dependent on individuals and does not reflect the contribution that the whole of the Shire and indeed all of Melbourne and Victoria need to make.

I think the Vision should also reflect the role that the GWMP can play in mitigating against climate change, as well as adapting to it. The current draft acknowledges climate change but only seems to discuss options for adaptation, not mitigation. Preservation of vegetation generally, and tree cover in particular, contributes to both climate change adaptation and mitigation. This plan should identify a goal that sees reversal of the current trend of tree and vegetation loss seen across Nillumbik 2014- 2018 (RMIT 2019). The Vision should indicate mention climate change in support of this component.

I think the Vision should also acknowledge Indigenous Australians, although the introduction to the draft notes the stewardship of the land over thousands of years by the Wurundjeri-willam clan, there is insufficient discussion in the rest of the draft that acknowledges their knowledge and special relationship with the land. Including respect for this heritage in the Vision would help set the tone and provide for further consideration of the local Indigenous community throughout the plan.

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Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I think the Five Key Moves include some important concepts however they are a little too vague and thus could all be successfully implemented in a range of ways towards very different outcomes.

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Key Move 1 - too process focussed without important information about what the outcomes of landowners information sessions are intended to be. This Move should include a focus on the environmental and biodiversity responsibility of landowners and that the reporting will include targets relevant to this responsibility.

Key Move 2 I find this difficult to interpret and is concerning unless it includes a clause that says that the conversations will be underpinned by a commitment to the protection of existing biodiversity and ideally reversal of recent declines.

Key Move 3 Again I don't think the underlying outcome of the stated Conversations

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I feel as though responding to this is almost a trick question. These Principles are important (to varying degrees to me) but it is how they are applied towards what outcomes that is important. I think there is evidence even within the process adopted for developing this draft plan that the Principles are one thing on paper but another in action. eg the "Leadership" shown when Council could not follow its own stated (and expensive) process for community consultation on the development of the plan called in to question the elements of respect and integrity. Accepting the minority report of five panel members undermined the whole process. So Adaptability as a Principle might seem worthwhile for example when it supports action towards a stated outcome in light of new information, however when it enables a change of plan in response to pressure

from lobby groups - not so great.

I think there should also be a Principle that reflects the importance of protection of biodiversity and habitat in its own right, not as the Principles currently have this linked with a general statement around "irreversible harm to the environment and the people who live in it".

I don't think the detail around sustainability and the precautionary principle provides clarity.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Another trick question. Engaged connected communities are important - but to what end. We can become engaged and connected towards many different purposes. The community engagement process supporting the preparation of the plan is quoted, however the final process of allowing the minority report demonstrated how minority views can still prevail even when

I think this Goal and its objectives need to be much more closely aligned with the purpose of the Green Wedges to conserve native vegetation and wildlife habitat, otherwise it is just a way of doing business, which could apply to any plan.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Yes active and creative people are important however in what context, what type of

activity?

Again, I think this Goal and its objectives need to be much more closely aligned with the purpose of the Green Wedges to conserve native vegetation and wildlife habitat, otherwise it is just a motherhood statement.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

I support this Goal in general as I think it is the closest of the Goals to what I see the intent of the Green Wedge Management Plan should set out. However even here I don't think it sufficiently prioritises the importance of ALL indigenous vegetation, nor the urgent need to conserve it across the whole Shire, on both private and public land.

I am also concerned by the use of the word balance in relation to this goal as though we need to balance environmental health against other considerations. This provides an opportunity for unacceptable compromise.

For example, action A3.12 suggestions "balance amenity uses of our waterways with environmental considerations and balance private use of flows through extraction and diversion with community and environmental considerations." In this balancing in the context of community engagement is the voice for the environment. The GWMP needs to provide that voice and be the place where environmental considerations are prioritised. Noting too that without optimal environmental health, ultimately any opportunity for other activity and considerations will be lost anyway.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I don't think this Goal and its associated objectives and actions gives sufficient considerations to the mechanisms for environmental protections in the context of building a prosperous economy.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Of course responsible leadership is important, but I don't think the summary of leadership provides sufficient clarity, nor are the objectives and key actions for this goal are sufficiently oriented to what I view as the key priority for a GWMP - protection of environmental and natural resources.

For example where stewardship of the land is mentioned it should explain the obligation Nillumbik residents have to care for the land, not to degrade it, and that this occurs throughout their tenure and is passed on to subsequent landowners in a better state. I think too much concern is given to living in the green wedge being a burden with demands, and something that people have to cope with. This thinking needs to be re-framed and the opportunity, privilege and honour of being in a position to preserve and improve the environment in which one lives, needs to be given far greater emphasis.

For example the draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and this zoning should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. We should be looking to increase the conservation values on more land not put the flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, including trees in paddocks, pockets of remnant bush, at serious risk by downgrading the zoning.

This goal should also make a clear statement about responsibility for leadership on climate change mitigation.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

At this critical point in history we have the opportunity to make decisions at the local level that will have long lasting and far reaching impacts. The Green Wedges will always be under pressure, particularly around the boundaries and on the fringes of abutting zones, there will be continual pressure to develop and small scale encroachment. Slowly, slowly if allowed these small incremental changes undermine the integrity of the whole. There will always be those that view the natural world as a limitless resource with infinite capacity to rebound, despite the evidence of history. Opportunities for personal gain for a few at the expense of the greater common good will be a recurring theme. Now more than ever people with power need to use it wisely.

It is important to note that stakeholders in the Nillumbik GW are not only the people who live in the green wedge part of the Shire, and that these people do not have sole rights to the decisions made in relation to their properties. Although this is a basic principle of living anywhere ie that we have to follow rules that may limit our individual freedoms for the benefit of the greater common good, this can be difficult to accept, particularly for

people who have acreage properties where much of the appeal is the sense of freedom and isolation from the world. As a resident in the GW zone I do understand that these properties are expensive to maintain and there are other associated costs as well, and that external regulations can be frustrating at times.

I hope that at this time the people in power at Nillumbik use it wisely and do not make decisions that cause irrevocable harm for all life in Nillumbik and beyond.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Not sure

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

It certainly sounds impressive but the body of the draft does not detail enough dedicated actions for me to support this Vision. I'm disappointed that there is no reference to our responsibility in keeping the mighty Yarra River as pristine as we can. There is no reference to the National Parks and Melbourne Water land that forms a significant part of our Shires green wedge. And with no reference to preserving the natural assets for our future generations, i cannot accept this Vision as a good one .I do not want a sprawling semi-urban landscape with major roads cutting through. I want a Rural Conservation Shire.

Five Key Moves

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1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
2. A whole of organisation approach to community resilience.
3. A "Green Wedge Conversations" program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 4 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 5 - Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Key move 1 A waste of money. Send a copy of the objectives of the Zone in which they live to each house and tell them to abide by them when seeking to alter their land or home and they will have no issues. Job done. Key Move 2 Agree. But where do you detail what your approach and actions are for Climate Change? Where is this Shires blueprint for protecting the natural assets and indigenous vegetation in the Shire? Its all well and good to have "moves" but where is the detail? Key Move 3 More conversations! Isn't all the money and consulting spent on this document enough? NSC has so much expert opinion from the BMS and Consultants from the C81 and C101 that you have enough data to go ahead and implement things. Stop conversing and implement to secure the future for a GW Shire. Key Move 4 Haven't this Council just consulted on Township Strategies? Work within the Planning Provisions and feedback you've got. Don't reinvent the wheel. Key Move 5 This is where you lack the most credibility - the natural environment cannot be adequately assessed with a stocktake. The only reason you would perform a stocktake would be to determine if you could get away with developing new tracts of land by deciding its degraded. It will have become degraded because Council hasn't enforced the Planning constraints. Do not reward environmental vandalism. Employ more enforcement Officers until our residents get the idea. Nillumbik RCZ is not the place to buy if your intention is to develop.

Principles

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly disagree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Not enough detail here. Motherhood statements that everyone would agree with. This is now the third section of the feedback process and you still haven't provided sufficient detail of how this GWMP is going to look at the action level, on the ground. What is protected? Who is going to get a monetary windfall gain from this Plan? How are you going to ensure there are platypuses and echidnas in this Shire for my great grandchildren to enjoy? So far there has been three opportunities to agree with fluffy, warm and fuzzy stuff. I'm bored, get to the point of it all.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

This appears to be the section where you want to change the UGB or Zones. Why? When Councillors asked for merger with Banyule Shire your reason is because there will be so little growth over the next ten years that our rate base will stall. But in this document you say we need a new housing strategy to cope with population growth (p36). The small lot policy is already clear (A1.6 & O1.5) What would O1.1 look like? A1.10 is going to happen whether you like it or not. Isn't A1.11 occurring anyway? How are you going to make A1.9 happen? Details please for this one. A1.1 Please no more time wasting conversations. Your term will be over before any actual good work happens. Why are we reviewing this anyway? The current GWMP is valid until 2025??

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 2 does not belong in this Plan

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 3 Should be the whole GWMP. Give this all your priority and drop everything else as it is covered in other Actions, Strategies and Council Plans and Documents. The rest of this document has been created so less emphasis and resources can be given to Goal 3.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 4 Does not belong in this GWMP Review. It is its own entity see Economic Development p29 If you must persevere with this Goal then I would like a waterski facility industry on Sugarloaf Dam and my brother-in-law would like a Dog Meat Industry

because he eats it in Thailand. The missus would like a PermaCulture Industry because she thinks that because we are putting houses on all the fertile land around Melbourne that everyone is going to have to grow their own food. But to reiterate the sentiment in my first sentence, The Sustainable Agricultural Land Review will determine which land in Nillumbik will be legislated as preserved for food and fibre. The rest is Rural Conservation Zone and the permitted Uses are already clear. I do not understand the inclusion of an Equine Industry (A4.9) as a unique pursuit by this document. It is neither food nor fibre and horses' impact on Nillumbik's shallow soils is already scientifically proven to be harmful. Isn't 2 horses per interested landowner enough? 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 goats all seems to be acceptable. And with regards to Professional Services and home businesses (A4.11; A4.13; A4.14) isn't this all clearly covered in the Objectives for the Zones in the Planning Provisions? This draft plan is too big and encompasses too much. You are just making work for yourselves. Concentrate on Goal 3

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Goal 3 is not a separate Goal. It is an excuse to "flag" that this Council wants to change the Planning Zones, Uses and Framework (like in Goal 1 and Goal 4). I reject all the Objectives and Key Actions for this Goal as entirely inappropriate and well outside the State Government's intentions for How To Manage A Green Wedge Shire. Can I make my position any clearer to you? Please tell me how by return email.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Too many things have been thrown in with this Green Wedge Management Plan. It will not be workable in its current form. Concentrate on Goal 3. It is not an entire Shire Plan or a Futures dossier. It should detail a way to manage a healthy natural environment into the future so that Nillumbik isn't just Urban Sprawl when we pass it along to our kids and grandkids. If we adopt this draft we will soon look like Whittlesea Shire and Manningham and I want to be Nillumbik.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Environmental protection should be fundamental to the Green wedge and protecting flora and fauna.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The document needs to provide in greater detail the actions to be taken. The GWMP 2010 to 2025 provides much greater detail.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each principle does not provide enough detail on how it will be interpreted.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The plan needs to be about how we protect and manage the land rather than what we can get out of it.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Not enough detail

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

It needs to provide more detail about protecting indigenous vegetation on shire, public and private land.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Role of stewardship must be better defined. It needs to explain that there is an obligation to care for land not degrade it

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

We must cherish the green wedge, it must be maintained, protected and invigorated. The shire has a role to play in conservation which the draft fails to do. I love living in the shire because we have the green wedge unlike other areas which are just so over developed e.g Whittlesea.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Not sure

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The words "lead the way in supporting ..." are too imprecise and general

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

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Key Move 5 - Neutral

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The Green Wedge Management Plan should

- 1) Enhance native plant and animal habitats.
- 2) Not change current growth or township boundaries.
- 3) No changes to the Planning Scheme which diminish biodiversity.
- 4) No changes in land use which increases land clearing.

- 5) All changes proposed should be explicit and transparent.
- 6) No actions impacting negatively on biodiversity.
- 7) Actions impacting positively on biodiversity.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I'd like more details on environmental protection, the draft is not specific enough

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Not enough details given: protection of native vegetation and fauna. The current GWMP 2010-2025 details protection.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Neutral

Aboriginal voice - Neutral

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

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Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Principles are very broad, open to interpretation

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

lack of details.

Important to engage community, Green Wedge areas

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Environmental health is important and needs to be supported throughout the Shire

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Economic activity needs to be linked to environmental protection

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Definition of "responsible leadership"?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green

Wedge. This draft lacks details to ensure the long-term purpose of the Green Wedge.

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Providing that zoning & subdivision rules are not changed

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Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

A single groups views should not be allowed to overwrite the views of other groups.

The original intent/purpose of the Green Wedge must be adhered to.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

There should be no change to that will water down original Green Wedge principles.
Bush fire management should not destroy the natural environment.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

In principle support but not at the expense of the environment

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The management plan must follow the original intent of the Green Wedge. The environment should be the top priority. Nillumbik is home to plant species that occur nowhere else on earth. Biodiversity must be encouraged and cannot occur without controlling pest animals such as deer & rabbits. The loss of habitat for native animals such as kangaroos and wallaby's has also added to grazing pressures and needs to be addressed.

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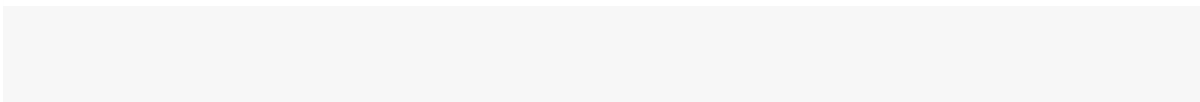
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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Your vision does not provide any clarity to the future or desired direction of protecting our fauna and flora and the overall scope of our ever decreasing Green Wedge.

Five Key Moves

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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

After reading your poorly worded and vague Plan, I am unclear on what proposals will be initiated so do not support your 5 key moves. Clear lack of detail in your initiatives and application in protecting the ever attacked Green Wedge Zone.

Principles

The following principles informed the creation of the Green Wedge Management Plan and will inform how the goals, objectives and key actions are to be implemented.

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- Leadership
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- A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne
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Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Your principles are unclear and open to many interpretations. They do not reflect the community's commitment to protecting the Green Wedge.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Again worrying lack of detail, Enhance what we have not what more can we reap out an already damaged, shrinking Green Wedge Zone.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Lack of detail. Biodiversity must be a top priority, green space enhances our mental and physical health, social cohesion and overall well-being that all Melbournians can benefit from.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Lack of detail. Loss of eco-systems, biodiversity and indigenous vegetation are worrying

concerns in any more loss of our Green Wedge Zone.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Lack of detail. There will be no economy without clean air and water.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Leadership starts in our backyard. Our council has the chance to show the way in dealing with our number 1 priority of dealing with climate change and respecting and maintaining our already precious green zone.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Why would we start the process of destroying the lungs of Melbourne? Think of your children's future and what will be left for our future generations.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The vision has a worrying lack of detail in respect of its main purpose - the environmental protection and enhancement of our Green Wedge. The community made clear to Council in the first phase of this exercise that we love the environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it enhanced and protected for our children, grandchildren and subsequent generations, a view that was further reinforced by the majority report of the Community Panel. Council should take careful note, and the Draft should reinforce, the State Government's Plan Melbourne and the Green Wedge first priority - Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species...to achieve a net gain in the quality and quantity of native vegetation. We are extremely fortunate that our Green Wedge is the best and most intact of all of Melbourne's Green Wedges, and Council needs to provide the leadership and vision to ensure that its values are protected and enhanced for our children and grandchildren. We are extremely fortunate that our Green Wedge is the most intact and has the highest biodiversity values of all the Green Wedges. The document has to state clearly Council's commitment to climate change mitigation, and all of the essential measures that are required in this regard.

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Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

I disagree with all of the Key Moves because of the concerning lack of detail behind each one, and because Council has essentially ignored the State Government's clear guidance on the processes and the preparation of a Green Wedge Management Plan. It is difficult to understand Council's logic in this respect. The Five Key Moves may contain some good ideas if they are applied in the context of the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of our Green Wedge. Much more detail is required to illustrate how each Move will play its part in the protection and re invigoration of biodiversity across the Green Wedge and the actions that need to be taken. Why has the amount of detail included in the current Plan for the protection and enhancement of the Green Wedge been left out of the Draft?

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Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I disagree with all the Principles, again because of a lack of essential detail, and a lack of clarity around how they will be first interpreted and then applied, in the context of ensuring that we are caring for our environment. Again, Council seems to have ignored the leadership shown in the State Government's Plan Melbourne and also in Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity, the State Government's commendable plan to try to stop the decline of our native plants and animals and improve our natural environment. The Principles may contain good ideas, but they lack an emphasis on the protection of the environment. The community has made sufficiently clear its commitment to protecting and enhancing the Green Wedge, Council needs to ensure that this is supported in this document.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Again there is a very concerning lack of detail and it is assumed that this is intentional. The Shire of Nillumbik was formed during the Council amalgamations with the intention of creating a "conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as it strategic focus"... Environmental protection leadership should be at the forefront of Council's intentions, and the plan must make clear the expectations of our communities to look after our precious Green Wedges. Council leadership has to be demonstrated in respect of actions to mitigate climate change and to reduce carbon emissions, for our current and future generations.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Again there is a concerning lack of detail. Green space is an essential element for healthy communities, and it is not difficult to ensure that biodiversity remains a focus for our green spaces, to enhance the enjoyment of our spaces, and increase the mental and physical health benefits. Decisive Council leadership is again needed here. In addition, Council seems to ignore that we need to afford greater recognition to the Traditional Custodians of our area, and to what they can offer to enhance our health and well being.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Again I do not support because of the worrying lack of detail, a consistent feature of the document. Here again is a missed chance for Council to show clear leadership. The Plan must show greater recognition of the critical importance of indigenous vegetation throughout the Shire, on both public and private land. Leadership in demonstrating to the community the importance of working together to preserve and increase habitat for our indigenous species, the importance of connectivity (VEAC has done some excellent work in this space), protecting and valuing our existing ecosystems, making sure that

initiatives to address the impact of climate change are at the forefront. This is what this Plan needs to be about. I am particularly critical of the use of the term "balance" throughout this Goal, as if there needs to be a trade off in environmental values. State, Federal and International reports all stress the need to prioritise the health of the environment. The Plan attempts to justify, based on studies, areas with less significant vegetation should be not be subjected to the same levels of environment protection. This almost beggars belief, these are the areas in which the natural environment is already under the greatest pressure, and Council should be introducing measures to protect and enhance the biodiversity in these areas, not allowing them to be further degraded. I live in an area where there is significant native vegetation, and continue to be worried by the ever reducing number of observable species which have disappeared or are rarely seen. We need Council to show leadership in educating our communities in the critical importance of caring for our environment, our ecosystems, and ways to reduce the impact of climate change and the wonderful benefits of living in a Shire which has the highest values of all the Green Wedges.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Again, I do not support this goal because of the lack of detail. I have spent more than 35 years of my professional life in the economic development space, working in almost every municipality in Victoria. Economic Development is of great importance to all municipalities, however in some very different and varying contexts. Nillumbik was not established as, nor will it ever be, an economic development powerhouse for the State, with significant areas set aside for industry and business. The challenge for Council is to again show leadership and encourage economic development and a prosperous economy through the lens of environmental protection. This is a fundamental requirement for Nillumbik, and goes back to its establishment. Again, the Council appears to have ignored the essential guidance provided by the State in the Planning Practice Note on the preparation of Green Wedge management plans, under the requirement for a framework that encourages sustainable land management practices. Local agriculture in our Green Wedge is an important contributor to a prosperous local economy, however it must operate in the context of the continuing improvement in the health of the environment, and under the encouragement and leadership of Council in this regard. In "cleared land areas" of the Rural Conservation Zone, the retention of the requirement to obtain a permit to commence farming in the Rural Conservation Zone is critical. Council (and the public) has to be in a position to assess what is proposed for a new farming activity, and to ensure that land improvement and biodiversity regeneration works carried out are protected and enhanced. The Green Wedge provisions in the State section of the planning scheme make clear what is required in terms of linkages between existing agriculture and tourism opportunities. The State Government is

currently carrying out a review to possibly strengthen these controls, and Council needs to again show leadership and be in step in this regard.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Again, I do not support this Goal because of the lack of detail. Responsible leadership is something that Council needs to adopt and demonstrate throughout this Plan. The Plan refers to "stewardship" of the land, and this needs to be better defined under this Goal, in the context of explaining to community members that they have a fundamental obligation in the Green Wedge to care for their land, and to improve its environmental values. Strong Council leadership is again required in the education of residents on the need to increasingly re vegetate with indigenous flora throughout the Shire. The suggestion that the Rural Conservation Zone is too restrictive on farming practices needs to be dismissed, again it is out of step with State government policies and recent VCAT decisions. Requirement for the retention of scattered trees, as specified under current State policy, has been upheld in recent VCAT decisions. What is required of Council under this Goal is a much greater emphasis on what is set out in Plan Melbourne "maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation". Council again needs to show leadership and allocate resources to enforce these policies. The proposed changes to allow other uses within the Green Wedge need to be dismissed. The entertainment by Council of changes to the Urban Growth Boundary/s around townships, to allow residential and commercial development again beggars belief. Council is aware of the extensive processes which was undertaken by the State and Councils to fix the current boundaries. Leadership by Council to show the way in respect of the future use, protection and enhancement of the Green Wedge is required, not a series of attempts to erode its values, to the detriment of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I find it difficult to come to terms with the fact that the Council has pushed on with its attempt to instigate and implement new policies and practices via this Green Wedge Management Plan, when the existing Plan reflects the demonstrated majority of views by residents, as evidenced by the initial community consultation and the subsequent Community Panel report. Further, and perhaps more importantly, the processes

undertaken by Council have generated the unquestionable message that residents and the wider population cherish the higher environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. My own local experience demonstrates to me the need for leadership from Council to educate our communities on the need to contribute to actions to reduce the impact of climate change. By proceeding down the pathway to implement this Plan, without significant revisions, I believe that Council leaves itself open to serious scrutiny by State and Federal Governments.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

As this vision does not provide any clarity or direction of the desired future of the green wedge land and landscape, and the natural environment, biodiversity and agricultural values it supports, I cannot agree with this vision. This draft Nillumbik GWMP has rendered the Nillumbik Green Wedge itself almost invisible. The Green Wedge is the land and the landscape of the green wedge (the place). Management of the Green Wedge is done by the people who are connected to it, and custodians of it (the people). The draft GWMP needs to firstly articulate what is desired for the place, based on an analysis of its values, set a desired future for the place, and then determine how management can achieve the desired future.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

These Key Moves/actions are written so vaguely they leave the reader unclear as to exactly what Council is actually proposing to do, who has responsibility for delivery, what resources are needed, and when they will be done. As such I disagree that they will support delivery of the GWMP. This draft fails to clearly articulate an Implementation Plan based on clearly stated Objectives and Actions and the Council Department responsible for implementation. As stated in the State Government's Planning Practice Note 31, 'Each GWMP will set out a series of actions and measures that need to be undertaken, and identify resource requirements, roles and responsibilities, timelines, outcomes and evaluation. The current GWMP has much greater detail than this new draft, and should be used as a basis for improvement.

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Sustainability and the precautionary principle

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Even though I support much of the sentiment in what is written, I disagree that these principles as written can/will guide implementation of the GWMP Principles are the guiding rules or values that underpin decision-making around the GWMP and help decision-makers determine if potential actions are rightful or wrongful. Many of the listed 'principles', although their intent is good, are not written in a way that they can be used as principles, eg: "Aboriginal voice: we have much to learn from our first peoples, particularly about caring for country". Yes, we do have much to learn, but as written this is not a principle that can underpin decision-making. Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Clear, shared goals for the Green Wedge land and landscape, consistent with the purpose of green wedges and coupled with a culture of shared custodianship across the community, is what is needed to effectively engage the community in management of the green wedge. Clarity of purpose is also essential when seeking to establish strategic partnerships with regional and state agencies. This draft GWMP does not deliver on this front.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

This goal struggles to have any logical connection to management of the green wedge, and again in the absence of a an agreed and shared view of what the green wedge land, landscape, natural environment and agriculture should be like in the future, and how the community are acting as custodians of the land, I cannot support the objective or key actions for Goal 2. 4 of the 7 actions are to implement other plans, 1 is to develop and implement a fifth plan, 1 is to justify a development in Eltham (outside of the GW), and the last action stupidly proposes to “allow prohibited uses”!

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

This is the only place in the document where the natural environment gets a mention, and it still does not attempt to describe what the desired future for our natural environment in the green wedge should be. Until this is established and agreed on, we cannot know what outcome we are managing for. As such, I cannot support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3. Is it the health of the environment or the community that this goal is aimed at? Nowhere does it say that the natural environment needs to be made and kept healthy, let alone what that might look like.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Creating a prosperous economy is not the primary role of the green wedge, it is to protect biodiversity assets and support existing and potential agribusiness activities. In affording this protection, one can seek to enable viable businesses that contribute to the local economy, in particular those directly related to regenerative agricultural production and eco-tourism. I cannot support this goal, its objectives or actions in the absence of a clear and community-supported desired future for the natural environment and agriculture in the green wedge. This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal, the Actions, and throughout the plan, for example, 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy'.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Council's leadership does need to be responsible, and its decisions need to be evidence-based and made in the interests of the state, wider Melbourne and our green wedge land and landscape, especially its natural environment, biodiversity and agriculture. It also needs to help develop a community culture of custodianship of these assets. Council needs to hold the big picture perspective and responsibly apply its position, influence and powers to ensure this is translated to the local and property scale. In the absence of a clear and agreed desired future for the natural environment and agriculture in the green wedge to guide decision-making, I cannot support goal 5 and its actions.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

1. The draft Nillumbik GWMP has lost sight of, or ignored, the purpose of green wedges, which is to, amongst other things, protect biodiversity assets, and support existing and potential agribusiness activities. 2. The draft GWMP makes no attempt to provide an analysis of the biodiversity, agricultural and other values of the green wedge, nor to articulate what is the desired future for the green wedge land and landscape, in fact the land and the landscape rarely get a mention. 3. The draft Nillumbik GWMP does not identify the values and features of the Nillumbik green wedge, the preferred future land uses, or the environmental and natural resources that should be protected. 4. This draft Nillumbik GWMP is shambolic in its structure and is lacking any clear logical framework to tie it all together. The context spiels are rambling, vague and unstructured, and the

actions are vague and at best only loosely connected to the objectives. This is in part due to the fact that the recommendations of the community panel have been inserted without any adjustment to ensure they fit the context they are inserted into.

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Panton Hill and st Andrews have a strong sense of place and have been viable communities. When council interferes with these communities it causes resentment. Social engineering has been attempted through the Panton Hill Living and Learning Centre and St Andrews Market with negative results.

You have to question the promotion of trail use to outside groups, weekend use of tracks such as the Wimbi Track by cycle groups now means that locals take their life in their hands when venturing out.

There have been tracks forged through environmentally sensitive areas with much environmental degradation. These tracks had previously served the community well as goat tracks - their link to the past being part of the enjoyment. This has all been destroyed to accommodate tourists resulting in more "no go areas" for walkers. It is difficult to justify these local intrusions, only the Smith Gully store and A Boy Named Sue benefit from the weekend traffic in bikes.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Strongly disagree

Key Move 5 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Key Move 2 Bush fire risk reduction is being abused currently - the removal of trees on road reserves and on private properties is still taking place. Fear and misinformation are ways to unite a community and more than one Councillor has been elected on such platforms. Trees such as the Iron bark and Long leafed box are being removed. The bark of the Iron bark is fire retardant as is the wood of the long leafed box, these would be much better off left in situ. The fire that occurred in Yirrip Reserve was caused by misguided bush fire prevention measures. Undergrowth is still being removed on private properties this will impact on small bird populations and orchids will not recover from this intrusion.

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Social equity

- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Neutral

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Re Conserve and enhance our heritage.

I have concerns regarding the "enhance" section of this principal. Arts and culture have in the past promoted - marketed in a way that has not been welcome.

Re Aboriginal Voice

Yes of course this is important but it should not override other avenues of information regarding the environment. There is also the concern and it has been the situation, that it is a cop out regarding responsible care of the environment for example - If you put the duty of care in the hands of aboriginal people then council doesn't have to take responsibility.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

This is a complicated document and it would have been better the option for partially agree was included.

Community hubs such as St Andrews have a rental fee. Would utilizing the facility mean harassing people to rent the space? The concept of volunteerism is abused in Nillumbik. If you don't conform to agenda of the department, you can be bullied, victimized and defamed. Volunteer contribution is used as a weapon. If you have volunteered in the past - no acknowledgement is given for your participation. In fact repression of this information can be deliberately used against you.

Volunteerism should be about participating in a way you want to and not to justify the existence of a facility or agenda of the officer. In other organizations in which I volunteer the experience is positive.

The concept of identities and the use of community facilities is also abused, as an artist I have had my work promoted in a way that I didn't want. This was done without consent and because I wouldn't conform to the image that was thrust upon me I have experienced discrimination.

Community bus drivers are vital for the social necessities of older people. They should not be volunteers but should be paid as they are by other councils.

The development of bike tracks should not impact on the environment as it has done in the recent past. There are now more and more "no go" places in the area as these tracks have been developed over the walking paths that served the needs of the locals. The only option being to walk on the road as often bike riders fail to take pedestrians into consideration.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Again this section should have a partially agree clause.

Aboriginal cultural sites have not been protected. There are piles of middens everywhere and sadly recently a large tree stump of heritage significance was cut down in the sealing of Rodger Road - this was not an obstacle or hazard, it was removed because it wasn't neat. Near it is a pile of artifacts on both side of the road reserve so the tree would have been of significance to aboriginal people also it is situated near a natural gully.

I think the public art program is a "let them eat cake" policy. It is a distraction from the issues that need to be addressed in the community. So much money is being thrown at Art and Culture to implement a policy that continues to be discriminatory, supports restrictive trade practice and encourages monopolies.

The Open Studios Program used to be fantastic but since 2012 has lost much of its

integrity. Some of the individuals involved are not averse to networking against and undermining the achievements of others, individuals can acquire your ideals and market themselves thus and there is no consideration of intellectual copyright.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Again I partially support this. But I believe that the bush fire threat is out of context and does not warrant the extreme measures that have been taking place. Black Saturday was a disaster because of the complete breakdown in communication. People in Ninks Rd, smelling smoke rang the CFA only to be told there was no fire in the area, only to be contacted later - too late. We had no fire warnings on the day in our area, were were watching the TV and listening to the radio we could see the smoke of Kinglake, but no fire warnings were on the media - they came the day later!

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Again I support some

Regarding the sale of produce. Quite often small growers that try and sell at markets experience difficulties due to food regulations and council licenses. The little back-yarder who has a few tomatoes to sell has no place now. Also people who sell at Markets have to stick to their main product - if they have a few tomatoes to spare they can't sell them. Price fixing is the norm with no competition available for the consumers benefit. This make for a very boring market and discourages market goers.

The Wineries may have to diversify - we are now told that one glass of wine is bad for us. Perhaps they could look to wine vinegar production or other products such as grape must preparations or dried fruit.

I think that there is an opening in our community for fire wood production - I don't men cutting down trees and harvesting fallen logs but in growing wattles for fire wood production. Our local species of wattle are quick to grow and are fantastic firewood, better than River Red Gum. They would provide temporary homes and food for birds, mammals and reptiles and could be grown with appropriate fire breaks around them. There growth would help to restore areas damaged by overgrazing.

The horse industry is not accountable. It should be subject to the same regulation that

other pet owners are subject too. We have to pay \$50.00 to register our tiny cat that is locked in all day, by size comparison horse registration should be well over \$1000.00 a year. Their global and environmental impact is huge - they are just not sustainable. You have only to look at the property next door to the Smiths Gully Store to see the environmental degradation that has taken place. Put on an unsuitable formally beautiful bush block, the horses have to be continually fed hay to sustain them. This is not the only property where this misuse has taken place. Riding club members have to clean up the manure that is dropped by their horses but outside these grounds horses can poo anywhere - on the footpath, in the bush - which creates weeds and impacts on the native flora and people have to walk in it. We are required to pick up after our dogs! Also there is no limit to the amount of horses that can be owned and put on such a block. The horse registration fee could be used to support the work of the RSPCA.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I have already outlined my concerns in my previous communication. I do not want to encourage trails for cycling - they have happened at the expense of the environment and local community users.

I do not support Festivals, the Hurstbridge township has been distorted because of the Wattle Festival. The Panton Hill Festival is just another method of social engineering and the victimizing of individuals who don't conform to a marketed image that is thrust upon them.

I do support fairs and I think that an Antiques Fair would go particularly well in Panton Hill. Fryerstown Antiques Fair was closed by the CFA and has really left a gap. Panton Hill has the same vibe as Fryerstown. Anyone could sell their collectables, it could be held on the oval and its surrounds. People could sell food and the winery could still open.

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Five Key Moves

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Agree
Key Move 2 - Agree
Key Move 3 - Agree
Key Move 4 - Agree
Key Move 5 - Neutral

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Council's initial community engagement clearly demonstrated that the large majority of Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge, and want it to be maintained, protected and enhanced. This view was also expressed by the majority report of the Community Panel. Council's draft does not reflect strong enough support for the Community's position.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

It appears that Council have failed to follow State Government policy, requirements in the preparation of the GWMP. This throws into question the entire document and associated processes. Planning Practice Note 31 describes specific requirements for the development of a GWMP, including the establishment of a Project Steering Group chaired by Council with key stakeholder representatives. This did not occur.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

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Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

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Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Each Principle is a very broad statement and it is unclear how they will be interpreted and applied while ensuring care for the environment.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The thrust of Goal 1, to engage the community, is important but must be framed in the context of the environmental protection aim as stated in 1994 when the Local Government Review Board declared that the new Shire of Nillumbik was to be a, "conservation Shire with the Green Wedge as it's strategic focus".

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

The Objectives and Key Actions for Goal 2 must clearly and strongly focus on ensuring Nillumbik's biodiversity is top priority. As stated in the draft plan, green space is an important determinant of health, not just because it enables physical activity but also because it has been shown to promote higher levels of mental wellbeing and social

connectedness.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 3 repeatedly uses the language of "balance", and this needs to be amended as it indicates that our thinking is oppositional. It implies that there is a need to trade-off environmental health against other considerations, while international, national and state government reports indicate that we must prioritise the health of our environment. For Example: A3.12, P 33, speaks of balancing amenity, environmental considerations, private water extraction and community considerations. What needs to take place is prioritisation of environmental considerations, as without optimal environmental health, all other activity and considerations will be constrained.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

This section must clearly focus on overall environmental protection. Economic activities must be assessed and altered in response to the latest science and the urgent need for environmental protections. This must be reflected in the title of the Goal of Actions, and throughout the plan, for example: 'A prosperous eco-friendly Green Wedge economy' .

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

This draft plan suggests the Rural Conservation Zone (RCZ) is too restrictive of farming practices and thus coming should only be applied to land with higher conservation values. This suggestion puts at serious risk, flora and fauna across a significant proportion of the Shire, whether as single trees in paddocks or scattered pockets of remnant bush. These are all vital and in need of greater care and protection, not less.

Other comments

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The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. THE CURRENT DRAFT DOES NOT ACHIEVE THIS.

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Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

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Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As a ratepayer and resident of Wattle Glen I am severely disappointed by the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan in its current form. It is very confusing and difficult to read and does not give enough clarity about what its intentions are, key actions, and how Council will ensure these occur in a timely manner. So much time, effort and money was put into collecting the community's input and then running the Community Panel process, yet the Draft does not capture the community's views and desires. As a resident of Wattle Glen, of particular concern is changes to the Urban Growth Boundary and Rural Conservation Zone and the effect on the amenity of the area. The Urban Growth Boundary must be strictly adhered to as a hard boundary. Buffer zones must not be created, and there must be no changes to zoning that would impact negatively on the environment. Rural Conservation Zoned land must be protected and maintained. I specifically chose to live in Wattle Glen because of it's beautiful natural environment and

am very proud to call Nillumbik's Green Wedge home. Although I couldn't really see the need to review the current Green Wedge Management Plan, seeing as it is, this is an opportunity to ensure the Plan leads the way regarding protecting our unique biodiversity, addressing climate change and ensuring the Green Wedge is Nillumbik's strategic focus. The Draft Plan in it's current form does not seize this opportunity.

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Draft Green Wedge Management Plan feedback Form Submission

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.'

Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

This vision neglects what should come first, and was articulated in the Plan Melbourne 2017 to 2050, and that is 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' The lack of detail on this most important of all issues, especially considering the looming disaster of climate change, is truly worrying.

Five Key Moves

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1. A comprehensive landowners' information and support service.
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4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Some of these key moves are difficult to disagree with in themselves, but the emphasis and detail is all wrong. There needs to be a much greater priority given to the environment here. Then again the current Green Wedges policy document has greater detail and directness than the present draft, and this should be the basis of document, not a watering down of the protections of the environment!

Principles

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

These principles are broad and vague and fail to indicate how the Green Wedge will be protected, as the community has consistently asked for. The GWMP should be lining up

with the State Government's policies, where specifically the state is aiming to halt the decline in our ecosystems.'

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

The Plan includes five goals which describe the desired overall outcomes for the community.

Click on each goal to see the list of Objectives that describe what is to be achieved in support of the goals, as well as a list of Key Actions which will work towards achieving the objectives.

Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Again some worthy goals but the emphasis is wrong. The thrust of community involvement must be in stewardship of the land, in the context of a shire very different both from city shires and purely country shires. This is a conservation shire, terribly important in the maintenance of good physical and mental health of all Melbourne's citizens. What is to be avoided is an attitude of exploitation of what we have without the thrust of sustaining and improving it. The loss of vegetation in the Wedge needs to be reversed now.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Her there is a great lack of detail about positive steps to be taken about the environment. The whole community needs to be encouraged and directed in preserving

biodiversity. That is, in increasing habitat, to address the crises we have in climate change and extinction of species, and working towards a view that we and the environment are interdependent; that is, detail about how we can become an ecologically sustainable society in all its interdependent dimensions.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Much the same comments as I have made above. Other worthy aims for the Green Wedge must be placed in the context of maintaining and improving an area whose natural values have already been diluted in many places. Education of people living in the Green Wedge to respect its marvellous natural properties and the absolute priority of working towards improving them should be one of the important aims of this document.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The document in general lacks detail and some important objectives are missing in action. The focus must be on the conservation role of the Shire, and throughout the document there is a lack of this emphasis.

The order of the Goals reflects this. The goal concerning the environment comes half way down instead of at the top.

Clear actions need to be defined to protect the biodiversity of the Wedge.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Yes

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Soundly based for the future which will bring many pressures from outside and within requiring tweaking the GWMP without compromising the beauty. It has the potential to draw the community into belief in the same future.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Strongly agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Strongly agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

A strong emphasis on inclusion and communication alaying any suspicion of oppressive bureaucracy or opaque agendas by Council.

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Neutral

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Leadership must include advocacy. Aboriginal voice sounds like tokenism. Whole of Shire ; I am unconvinced the areas are co-dependent. Social equity; balance?? maybe take account .of.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

I would argue that the strict enforcement of 1 house:1 block causes stress in the community and it may be possible to encourage multi-generational living by advocating for two dwellings under one roof : 1 block.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

This is an area of high potential for motivating creativity, innovation and profit as the aspiration for the Artisan Hills. IT and internet enterprises fit comfortably in Nillumbik.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

This is an impossibly broad area to rate in one score. Does it address the challenges of biodiversity and control of the deer population. CFA has a concurrent Fire Management Plan concluding. Are we embracing it?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Tourism and eateries have immediate potential but we appear to be locked out by zoning. Australia-wide we have superb tourist destinations that would probably have been prevented under our planning restrictions. Corny, I suppose, but you can't make an omelette without breaking an egg. Also, look at the potential for small footprint enterprises like internet services and businesses.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

All great movements and companies have forever rested on the shared vision of the people in them. Let's avoid the dreadful polarisation created by the antagonists in the C101 debate. The consultation and communication process proposed is good but Council must carry the flag out front as decisions are made.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

It is unfortunate that Councillor Clarke launched the amalgamation proposal at this time as it feeds suspicion and paranoia. In this process we must trust each other's altruism or at least willingness to listen.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The creation of this Green Wedge was fought for long and hard. Its PRIMARY focus was on the preservation and enhancement of the environmental and conservation of Nillumbik's diverse habitat, flora and fauna. The community supported this at all levels. The needs and desires of the diverse community were of course critical, but when it came to the management of the Green Wedge, the environment had priority. This has not changed. Those of us who live in the landscape understand and appreciate the compromises we have to make to retain this area for our fellow citizens and future generations of plants and animals. I am dismayed that the emphasis has been shifted by this council from the needs of the environment to the desires of the human inhabitants. Many of those desires come at the expense of the landscape, plants and animals we are here to protect.

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Strongly agree

Key Move 2 - Agree

Key Move 3 - Strongly agree

Key Move 4 - Agree

Key Move 5 - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

They are ill defined and really just motherhood statements. Do better.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

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Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

One can hardly disagree, but it seems again ill defined and very open to interpretation. I think we deserve something more concrete.

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Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

0.14 if past performance is any indication the design considerations for the townships has been found wanting. Poorly envisioned and badly executed new residential developments fail the streetscape and the amenity of the township. Where commercial considerations always win over design principles it would be impossible to support the ability of the council to manage development with any integrity.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Landscape heritage has been overlooked in this draft.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

A3.3 The 'difficult conversations' have been had already. That is why we have a Green Wedge in the first place. The priorities listed are considerations, but are secondary to the maintenance of the biodiversity and conservation values already agreed on.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

4.1 the encouragement of economic activity should read....that ENHANCES the Green Wedge not merely preserving it. The best way to support equine activity is to get the through traffic off our rural roads.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Absolutely not! A 5.6 is a deliberate ploy to rezone agricultural land for either urban development or subdivision. This discussion has been ongoing from before the establishment of Nillumbik as there are great many owners who sought opportunistic land banking in the 1980's with the hope of urban development. The pressure from this group is relentless, and will only give the community relief when the Council enacts a serious Green Wedge Plan. This is not it.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

As one who worked tirelessly at State and local level, for the establishment of Nillumbik and the Green Wedge in the face of vested interests, bullying and harassment, I am dismayed at how little has been learned by the current administration. This plan is more

influenced by the financial interests of some landowners and businesses than it is by the principles on which the Green Wedge was founded. We need a management plan that articulates the values of biodiversity, response to climate change, and protection of our rural environment against the relentless incursion of urban pressure. There is no mention of any programs to mitigate this.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The vision fails to recognise the primary importance of caring for the environment. It places the satisfaction of human 'wants' above all else. And ignores the severely degraded condition of the natural environment as it is now.

While responses to climate change could be part of many aspects of the plan it fails to give prominence and priority to this critical need. As a green wedge shire we are already seeing the consequences of climate change, and these will get more profound over coming years.

It is unfortunate that you changed "with the landscape" to "living in the landscape". The original more accurately describes the relationship between humanity and the environment. If it conflicts with other council documents, then maybe those documents need to be amended.

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Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

The moves are not clearly directed toward the protection, preservation and repair of the natural environment and biodiversity . After all that is why Nillumbuk is a green wedge, so it should be front and foremost of a Green Wedge Management Plan.

The moves do not have a clear focus on the need for adequate responses to climate change.

The moves lack detail. They are rather a collection of warm and fuzzy words that would allow a wide range of actions, and attempt not to offend anyone.

They are clearly unfunded, as indicated by the, oft repeated, words 'seek government funding assistance'. If the government doesn't come good with the money what will council do?

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Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

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Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Protection, preservation and repair of the natural environment and biodiversity should be one of the principals. (The sustainability and the precautionary principle is a start but needs to go further.)

The need to respond to the challenges of climate change should be one of the principals.

The principals have some good ideas but many include words that suggest that they will be interpreted to allow activities that are not in the best interests of the environment.

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Do not support

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Goal 2: Active and creative people

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Do not Support

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Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

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Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

Overall this plan is inadequate. It fails to give priority to the two most important issues of our time; preservation of the natural environment and climate change. While it does pay lip service to these issues it repeatedly places economic concerns and the right of an individual to enjoy his property above the environment.

As a green wedge shire we are required to maintain the highest standard of stewardship of the environment in our care. Not just for our own benefit but for the benefit of all of Melbourne.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I do not believe that the current draft plan has maintained a strong enough protection of the environment and to create a net gain in the quantity and quality of indigenous vegetation

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Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Neutral

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

A bit too "motherhood" statements and must be more explicit on how the natural environment will be protected. The current GWMP has a lot more detail on how the community and council will go about protecting the Green Wedge.

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Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Neutral

Social equity - Neutral

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Neutral

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Neutral
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

The Principles are too wishy washy lacking detail and force fullness on how the environment will be protected and enhanced.

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

We must emphasis on how the community, urban and country, can come together to care maintain and foster the environment.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

A clear and strong focus must be made on how our health, not just physical, but spiritually can be enhanced with green space.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Priority must be given to protecting the environment. The word "balance" as used in

various parts of the document, tips the scales against the environment.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

While local agriculture and farming practices are desirable, this must be made to the community at large and landholders that they "buy-in" into a shire that values the environment. There must be references in the document to an eco-friendly Green Wedge economy.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

I do not agree that the RCZ zone should be changed to free-up other types of farming or tourism activities. Especially Key Action A5.6 and A5.7. The Urban Growth Boundary must be enshrined as a hard boundary in all planning documents. The flora and fauna must be enhanced across the totality of the shire and not degraded. Residents who reside in the shire should come in knowing that the values we hold are to protect and enhance. This can be achieved by clear principles spelt out in welcome packs and education programs and not merely waved off with a "Green Wedge" signage. Council has a very clear role to be an exemplar of nurturing the environment.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

The GWMP MUST show how committed the residents of the shire are to conservation. I do not think that the draft does this and has watered down the current Plan. Greater detail needs to be included. I would suggest that the council take heed of the majority views during the initial consultation process on what objectives; actions and accountability measures should be placed within the Plan.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

the vision must be for the environment first and focus on land use and management to ensure a healthier future according to the latest IPCC report. Councils and all levels of government must lead residents to be more aware of damage already done and to do our best to help rectify this. Including waste management, recycling, less packaging. Scientists worldwide are calling for immediate action. As we have a significant greenwedge area in Nillumbik - part of the wider "green" areas and forests in this state and called the "lungs" of Melbourne - we must act now.

Five Key Moves

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3. A “Green Wedge Conversations” program.
4. A comprehensive planning and place management service for the townships.
5. Stocktakes of environmental assets and agricultural practices.

To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

same as above comments. Nothing is as urgent as retaining and improving our green wedge areas.

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- Social equity
- Safety, wellbeing and resilience
- Conserve and enhance our heritage
- Sustainability and the precautionary principle

To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Disagree

Aboriginal voice - Agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik’s relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Disagree

Collaboration and connectedness - Disagree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Disagree

Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

no

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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[Goal 1: Engaged connected communities](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

see above comments

[Goal 2: Active and creative people](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

too many options, too much discussion, waste of time.

[Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments](#)

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

see above comments

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

previous gwmp was better

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

see all of above comments

Other comments

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Partially

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

I fail to see why there is an 'economic' aspect to the GWMP. Surely we are attempting to protect and enhance the environmental landscapes within the wedge, not encouraging more businesses to set up in the area. Historically, business development and environmental protection are not good bedfellows. I do not believe the protection of the Green Wedge requires any economic development to be successful, in fact it is another unnecessary pressure on our natural places.

There are plenty of places within the shire, and within Melbourne, where economic development can be encouraged; a green wedge is not one of them. Besides, according to the ABS, Nillumbik is one of the wealthiest municipalities in Australia and also has one of the lowest unemployment rates. Therefore I believe that the economic aspect of the GWMP is of a very low priority.[]

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Key Move 1 - Neutral

Key Move 2 - Neutral

Key Move 3 - Agree

Key Move 4 - Neutral

Key Move 5 - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Move 1: I do agree that educating landowners on good land management practices is a sound idea. However, it is essential that improving 'habitat' and 'biodiversity' is an integral part of this educational process. There is no mention of that here.

Move 2: A 'whole of organisation approach' implies to me that all residents within the shire can have their input into decision making regards various GW issues. If this is the case, then I would support this model, as it is a very inclusive method of resolving 'difficult' issues.

Move 3: Having ongoing sharing of ideas amongst the stakeholders is in principle a good idea. Greater understanding of other people's perspectives could lead to a more conciliatory approach to decision making and it may bring the community 'closer' together in realising the overall benefits to the GW.

Move 4: A 'planning and place management service' for townships may have value if undertaken for the right reasons. If the planning is simply to increase tourism and increase the town's population, then I'm pretty sure that most GW township residents and other GW residents would be against this. Most residents of the GW are there because they love being surrounded by nature in a small rural environment. They are generally happy as it is now and I believe that the large majority would be against any planning to increase tourism or town populations.

Move 5: To describe and record what we currently have in the GW is a good idea, in that it gives us the baseline on which we can judge our success in maintaining and improving the natural values of the wedge.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Neutral

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

Principle 1: If Council can demonstrate the values of respect, collaboration, integrity, adaptability and community, then they are doing very well indeed. These values have not always been obvious in the past.

Principle 2: If our first Australians have successfully looked after the land for 60000 years, then their credibility is undeniable.

Principle 3: As long as the urban boundary remains untouched, then Melbourne's green wedges have a chance of survival.

Principle 4: OK as long as the 'Future benefit' is based around maintaining and enhancing the environmental health of the natural landscape, in order that future Melbournians can continue to enjoy the beauty of the area (big picture). Future benefit should not be envisaged as an economic benefit to a few (small picture).

Principle 5: Great, so long as the collaboration is based around what is good for the Wedge and not simply what is advantageous for individual landowners.

Principle 6: Hear! hear ! With so much bad news in the world, we need to sit back and contemplate as to how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful place. As custodians, we need to make sure it stays that way.

Principle 7-9: No one could disagree with these principles.

Principle 10: Agree with this principle, with the exception that the environmental values of the GW should not be compromised for economic reasons. If need be, the GW Councils should be demanding more support from the State Govt to help with the maintenance of Melbourne's Green Wedges.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

Having the community taking more responsibility in maintaining and improving the environmental values of the GW can only be a good thing. I therefore agree with the objectives and actions for this goal.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Supporting the lifestyles of local people is fine as long as these lifestyles do not adversely affect any of environmental values of the area.

O2.2 - It's not parks that we need, it should be bush reserves that encourage wildlife and native vegetation to thrive.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

At last, on page 29 of the draft we start talking about habitat, biodiversity and climate change. So far we have only talked about how the GW can benefit people, with only passing regard to how it can benefit native flora and fauna. This goal should be paramount, as recommended by the Community Panel.

A3.2 - I would be totally against any review that would lessen the environmental protection afforded by the Environmental Protection Overlays.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

I fail to see how developing a GWMP involves encouraging investment and the establishment of new businesses in the GW. As already mentioned, according to the ABS, Nillumbik has one of the highest household incomes and lowest unemployment rates in the country. As suggested by the Panel, the GW should not be considered as a cash cow to be exploited by a small number of people for their own benefit. This type of activity can take place anywhere else in the country, outside of National Parks and Green Wedges. The value of a GW should be measured by the environmental health of the landscape, not by its economic potential.

I am therefore against any of the objectives or actions that encourage 'economic growth' within the GW.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Except for A5.6, I agree with the intent of these goals and actions.

A5.6 - So we change the zoning controls to better reflect the actual use of the land ? So, the suggestion here is that people can use their land for whatever they wish and the zoning controls will be adjusted to fit in with them. To me, this is totally back to front. People need to comply to zoning controls, not the other way around.

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Draft Green Wedge Management Plan?

I find this Draft GWMP to be very anthropocentric, in that it concentrates on what people can get out of the GW, rather than how we can improve the environmental quality and biodiversity of our wonderful landscape. It's like it was written by a public servant hidden in the bowels of a finance department somewhere. It seems that the recommendations from the Community Panel have been changed to alter the emphasis of the different goals.

The fact that we are having this review at all, for a GWMP that was to run for another 5 years, says a lot about the current Council's objective of reducing the environmental protections within the Wedge, so that landholders have more freedom to do whatever they wish.

Green Wedges were originally introduced so that Melbournians would have natural open space close to where they live in the suburbs. The idea was that they would improve the liveability of Melbourne and be the 'lungs of Melbourne.' They were never intended to simply be another area for developers and businesses to exploit.

Fortunately, the GW in Nillumbik has largely been retained due to the historical support of previous generations of residents, who had a strong environmental appreciation of the landscape they lived in. As a result, they protected the GW with passionate fervour. We, the current generation, are now the custodians of the land, with a responsibility to continue the protection of Nillumbik's GW, so that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty of the area as we do.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The current Green Wedge Management plan is effective til 2025. This Draft says very little about why a new draft is required. If a review is needed there needs to be greater discussion around how the proposed draft improves on or builds on the previous version. The current draft involved a community panel who had made recommendations that the retention of the Green Wedge remain as it presently stands. The present Draft does not respect the panel's recommendation; instead it paves the way for the council to develop the Green Wedge in a way that retract what the existing Green Wedge Management Plan recommends. I'm also concerned about the way the report is written. It reads generic in tone and does not read as if the author/s has little understanding of the previous draft and the community this proposal refers to. The draft lacks a good structure, glossary and reference list. The universality of the report and lack of specificity in the new proposal weakens the integrity of this council consultations process. Three concerns stand out for me. Firstly, the emphasis on economic prosperity as being a dominant feature of the presence of the Green Wedge. The report fails to clarify and quantify who will benefit from this prosperity, and how this prosperity will be of value to the community? Secondly, the intention to rezone some aspects of the Green

Wedge(GW) to allow landholders a right to farm will undermine existing the GW. The plan should concern itself with improving and building on current biodiversity. Further increasing planting to increase the GW capacity as a carbon sink. . Thirdly,the wish to build up the GW towns of St Andrews, Panton Hill and Hurstbridge, will intensify further development, congestion weakening the natural beauty of the area, as well as the integrity of the GW.

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Leadership - Strongly disagree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly disagree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Strongly disagree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly disagree

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Strongly support

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Strongly support

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Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

unclear who will benefit from this goal and can you quantify and list the ways the community citizens might benefit from this activity?

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Council are showing poor leadership in circulating a generic proposal like this one. It lacks discussion about why the earlier draft is being prematurely reviewed. Nor how this draft improves on previous work.

Other comments

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Too woolly on the maintenance of environmental protections, even if that word is entered once.

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Neutral

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Neutral

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

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Neutral

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Other comments

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The urban growth boundary of the existing GWMP must not be compromised. We must find workable ways to develop for urban use within these. We must never succumb to notions that environmental values are old hat. Too much has already been lost or compromised for the generations to follow.

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Yes **No** (Email received on 20/8/19 requesting this response to be changed from Yes to No)

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

Environmental protection and reinvigoration must be central to the Vision for the Green Wedge. The draft does not state this strongly enough, despite it being a Strategic Focus for the Shire. Appendix 1 of Council's draft quotes the State Government's 'Plan Melbourne 2017-2050', where the first priority for the Green Wedge is to 'Maintain and enhance the diversity of indigenous flora and fauna habitats and species and achieve a net gain in the quantity and quality of native vegetation.' • Council's initial community engagement clearly demonstrated that the large majority of Nillumbik residents cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it maintained, protected and enhanced. This view was also expressed by the majority report of the Community Panel. Council's draft does not reflect strong enough support for the Community's position. The GWMP must reflect the fact that Nillumbik's Green Wedge is the most environmentally intact of Melbourne's Green Wedges, is a significant part of the wider Green Wedge system, and is for the benefit of everyone, whether they live in the area or not. • Climate change mitigation must be an overarching Goal for the GWMP and therefore must be addressed in the Vision. It must inform all objectives and actions such as regenerative agriculture, fire management, waste management, bush regeneration,

education, and economic strategy. Throughout the draft, the repeated mention of just adapting to climate change leaves the reader with the impression that Council has basically thrown their hands up in the air suggesting there is nothing that they nor Nillumbik residents can do to tackle climate change. This is not true and must be part of every day action. • It is vital that Nillumbik demonstrates its respect of Indigenous people, their cultural heritage and knowledge. This barely gets a mention in the GWMP despite the fact that Indigenous people have ensured the vitality of the area's biodiversity for tens of thousands of years.

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To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

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As an indication for meeting arrangements, at this stage are you intending to speak to your submission at the Future Nillumbik Committee meeting on Tuesday 10 September 2019.

No

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A Vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge

'Management of the Nillumbik green wedge will lead the way in supporting a vibrant, resilient, connected and diverse community; living in the landscape to enhance the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the Shire.'

Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

Not sure

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

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Other comments

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• The strongest message from the initial community consultation and the Panel Report is that Nillumbik residents and the population of wider Melbourne cherish the high environmental values of the Green Wedge and want it to be maintained, protected and reinvigorated. This message must lay the foundation for any new GWMP. The current draft does not achieve this. • The Green Wedge Management Plan must reaffirm the Shire's conservation role with the Green Wedge as its Strategic Focus. This draft consistently fails to do this. It lacks detail and omits significant objectives, relevant actions, and accountability measures that would ensure the long-term health and purpose of the Green Wedge. • Declines in biodiversity are at critical levels, and there is urgent need for action by all levels of government and society. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) states that, "The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide. It is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global". • There is a worrying lack of detail throughout the document regarding the protection and enhancement of the Shire's biodiversity in all its forms and varying quality. Clearly defined actions need to be included which will address this problem to ensure the long term health of the Green Wedge. • The impact of invasive species – flora and fauna – is significant and this must be better addressed. • The draft speaks of polarised and diverse views and how conversations must be respectful and robust. It is vital that this is the case, and is supported by current science, particularly in relation to the need for environmental repair and preservation, and urgent climate change mitigation. • It is necessary that we uphold the highest of professional standards throughout the Shire and its Leadership.

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Do you agree with the vision for Nillumbik's Green Wedge?

No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

The stated vision is unclear and open to interpretation! The most important aspect of the Green Wedge is environmental protection and enhancement. Our Green Wedge is "the Lungs of Melbourne" and must be maintained and developed taking climate change into account.

Five Key Moves

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To what extent do you agree with the Five Key Moves to support delivery of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Key Move 1 - Disagree

Key Move 2 - Disagree

Key Move 3 - Disagree

Key Move 4 - Disagree

Key Move 5 - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Yet again there is lack of detail. There needs to be more detail regarding protection of native vegetation and fauna. The draft document doesn't have the details that the current GWMP has.

Principles

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Leadership - Disagree

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A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Disagree

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Social equity - Disagree

Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Disagree

Conserve and enhance our heritage - Disagree

Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Disagree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

I feel that the principle statements lack detail and could be misinterpreted. One of the principles should clearly deal with the preservation and protection of our precious environment.

Goals, Objectives and Key Actions

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Goal 1: Engaged connected communities

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 1?

Do not support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

All members of the community of the Green Wedge Shire should work together to protect our Green Wedge.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Green space is important to the health and well being of us all but again there is lack of detail. Consultation with the traditional custodians should be helpful in this area.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

Not enough detail once again.

A community education program should be ongoing and include bushfire reduction strategies, advice about ecosystems, up to date strategies to deal with climate change and their interdependence.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

Goal 4 particularly needs greater details. The Title if Goal 4 should A PROSPEROUS GREEN WEDGE ECONOMY. Our environment should be the focus. Support should be given to sustainable agricultural practices.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Do not Support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

Council needs to lead education in sustainable and environmentally friendly practices within the whole shire.

Other expert agencies should be involved in this education.

Other comments

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The draft changes seem to erode the values of the Green Wedge.

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No

Do you have any comments about the Vision?

First of all why is it made so hard to make a comment. The increased crowding around Eltham shopping area particularly has made the Green Wedge more important. I have observed several of the community consultations.

The environment is not appreciated and always comes last in any development proposal. I travel out there regularly and value the great open space with many kangaroos visible and the great tree canopy. I don't want to see any change other than some of the major roads being a bit wider without taking out too many trees. What about some more park areas that our wildlife can retreat to from places like Doreen etc where I believe 50 kangaroos are being killed each week. Just stop these developers wrecking the Green Wedge. Regards Bob

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To what extent do you agree with the Principles to guide the implementation of the Green Wedge Management Plan?

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

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Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

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Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

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Commenting as the Nillumbik Horse Action Group Inc. We are a committed group of community minded residents, formed to support and advocate on behalf of horse owners and riders within the Shire of Nillumbik.

The NHAG works to:

1/ Preserve, maintain and improve the shire's shared recreation trail network
2/ Acknowledge and sustain the equine culture and character of rural Nillumbik which we believe contribute significantly to the:

- aesthetic appeal
- feel and identity
- amenity
- viability and sustainable future of the Nillumbik Green Wedge

3/ Educate and advise the local equine community on best practice land management for their properties

4/ Support the preservation of the Nillumbik Green Wedge and its rural character - both the bush and cleared landscapes.

It is encouraging to see that the new plan now encompasses residents and communities as an integral part of the rural Nillumbik Green Wedge. This area is not a wilderness, it is a dynamic mix of existing rural living and uses combined with areas of bushland of varying degree of biodiversity value.

Horse ownership and riding is a core activity with significant heritage and cultural value to the shire.

We acknowledge the need for external financial support for council to assist in its management of the Green Wedge for the benefit of residents and Greater Melbourne.

We endorse more inclusive approaches to bringing people together around education and action with appropriate support and incentives – not blame and shame.

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Do you have any comments about the Five Key Moves?

Key Move 1:

Acknowledging the critical role of landholders on both small and large properties is fundamental to the sustainable management of the Green Wedge given that 80% of it is privately owned.

Supporting and empowering residents on acreage is a vital step towards achieving this.

Key Move 3:

We need to work towards having a greater 'shire-wide' understanding and appreciation of the valuable role of small landholdings of both cleared pasture and bush in maintaining the Green Wedge.

Key Move 5:

Acknowledging and understanding the elements / components, that combined make up the Nillumbik GW is critical to understanding and planning for it and its effective management. We need to work from a factual base, not a mythical, ideological one that does not acknowledge the 'what is', the here and now and historical framework.

We believe in the recognition and protection of existing cleared grazing land and treed pastures for animal keeping, agricultural purposes, for fire breaks and the rural scenic amenity.

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Leadership - Strongly agree

Aboriginal voice - Strongly agree

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne - Agree

Manage change for future benefit - Strongly agree

Collaboration and connectedness - Strongly agree

Celebrate, appreciate and enjoy local identity and the landscape - Strongly agree

Social equity - Strongly agree
Safety, wellbeing and resilience - Strongly agree
Conserve and enhance our heritage - Strongly agree
Sustainability and the precautionary principle - Agree

Do you have any comments about the Principles?

A whole of shire approach and recognition of Nillumbik's relationship to Metropolitan Melbourne:

AGREE: Agree in principle that the Green Wedge is an asset for rural and urban dwellers, however, the management of land within the Green Wedge should not be weighted by the opinion of urban residents who usually have little or no practical experience or understanding of the elements that contribute to good land management. Input from the urban sector is likely to be highly ideological and emotive with uninformed judgement of rural resident's capabilities or commitment to manage their land.

Sustainability and the precautionary principle:

AGREE: However, the Precautionary Principle needs to be applied with care, not as an automatic response in all situations.

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Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 1?

The NHAG specifically acknowledges Objectives 1.1 / 1.2 / 1.3

The NHAG specifically acknowledges Actions:

A1.1 Valuing people, not solely the environment – they are interdependent.

We agree that residents within the Green Wedge have 'high regard for the natural environment and the rural lifestyle that the landscape provides and invest in its management.'

A1.6 We agree with Action 1.6, however small (undersized) lots with existing dwellings that may be lost through bushfire, should have the right to rebuild.

A1.11 The NHAG acknowledge council's recognition of the importance of unsealed roads that provide for horse riding and other recreational users when considering sealing a road. Consideration and provision must be given to all road users, not just cars.

Roadside verges play a key role in the safety of recreational road users in the provision of off-road trails.

Goal 2: Active and creative people

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 2?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 2?

Supporting healthy and active lifestyles through increased opportunities for recreation and enjoyment of the natural outdoors translates into the enhancement of resident's wellbeing.

Acknowledging the importance of safe walking, cycling and horse-riding trail options. A safe network of shared trails of local and regional significance will provide both residents of and visitors to Nillumbik, the opportunity to safely enjoy the shires wonderful natural areas and landscapes.

Goal 3: Safe and healthy environments

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 3?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 3?

O3.4 The NHAG supports this objective and advocates for a safe refuge where residents can take their animals in the event of a significant bushfire.

O3.5 The NHAG has always maintained that the equine pasture properties in the rural Green Wedge contribute significantly to the natural beauty and sustainability of the GW and advocate that they be given equal protection as bushland in the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

A3.1 Acknowledging and understanding the elements / components that combined make up the Nillumbik GW, is critical to understanding and planning for it and its effective management. We need to work from a factual base, not an ideological one that does not acknowledge the 'what is', the here and now and historical framework.

We believe in the recognition and protection of existing cleared grazing land and treed pastures for agricultural purposes, animal keeping, for fire breaks and the rural scenic amenity.

A3.2 Should a review of the ESOs be undertaken, apply an overlay for existing rural cleared pasture to place a value on it and preserve it through the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

A3.4 NHAG would support any initiative for pest plant and animal management.

A3.5 NHAG supports responsible land management on public and private land and can assist council in delivering targeted equine land management education to residents.

A3.9 In any future review of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme with respect landscape character, there should be acknowledgement of the role rural grazing properties play in landscape character and vistas.

Goal 4: A prosperous economy

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 4?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 4?

O4.2 Agriculture is an integral part of rural living in the Nillumbik Green Wedge and we support initiatives to grow and supply produce locally.

O4.3 Valuing of small landholders' contribution to land management given that most of the Green Wedge is in private ownership.

The NHAG maintains that equine grazing properties in the rural areas contribute significantly to the economic sustainability of the GW, as pasture properties and equine activities both create and contribute to local businesses.

O4.4 The NHAG value the recognition and support offered to the local equine community, acknowledging its integral role in the financial viability of our rural areas.

A4.9 The NHAG endorse the finalisation and implementation of the Nillumbik Equine Strategy to provide the data that substantiates the value of the equine community to the Nillumbik Green Wedge.

A4.10 Acknowledging the importance of safe walking, cycling and horse-riding trail options.

A safe network of shared trails of local and regional significance will provide both residents of and visitors to Nillumbik, the opportunity to safely enjoy the shire's

wonderful natural areas and landscapes, while financially supporting rural GW townships.

Goal 5: Responsible leadership

To what extent do you support the objectives and key actions for Goal 5?

Strongly support

Do you have any comments about the objectives or key actions for Goal 5?

A5.1 Acknowledging the critical role of small and large landholders is fundamental to the sustainable management of the GW given that 80% of it is privately owned.

Supporting and empowering residents on acreage is a vital step towards achieving this.

The NHAG have a role in supporting council's leadership in developing an information and support service for land use and management, particularly involving equine.

A5.3 The NHAG would be happy to be involved in any productive Green Wedge Conversations Program that brings about a more cohesive GW Community and productive outcomes.

A5.5 The NHAG supports this action and already works actively in this space. Like our assistance with the Nillumbik Equine Activities Study, we believe that quality information supports better decision making and policy.

A5.6 We agree that the RCZ is intended to support conservation and should be applied to land for which that is the primary purpose. However, there has been long-term disparity and tension between the existing RCZ Zoning, both the historic and existing landscapes and existing mixed land uses on the myriad of smaller 'lifestyle' properties or 'hobby farms'.

Also, existing cleared grazing land is not recognized or valued under the RCZ, despite its prevalence throughout the Nillumbik Green Wedge and its fundamental role in supporting agriculture and rural lifestyles. By valuing and preserving existing grazing land for agricultural uses, this helps to ensure the conservation of areas of high value biodiversity.

Other comments

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The 'Green Wedge' isn't just land, it includes the people who live and work here and the communities they are part of.

The shire's 'natural environment' isn't just the bush. Our existing cleared grazing land

and treed pastures are equally represented and should be valued and protected, as they support popular rural uses such as the keeping of animals and underpin all agricultural activity in the shire. This needs to be reflected in our Local Planning Scheme.

The equine community's contribution is significant and far reaching. Hence, the NHAG recommend that the data from the Equine Activity Study should be incorporated (where appropriate) in this Green Wedge Management Plan.

We suggest that grazing land which supports the keeping of animals, helps guarantee a sustainable Green Wedge now and into the future. Small property acreage (which is the predominant landholding in the Nillumbik Green Wedge) is primarily suitable for 'hobby farms' and 'lifestyle properties' and keeping some grazing animals is often a big part of the appeal of living here. On settling in, people become part of our vibrant communities, enjoy and usually work hard on their properties, thereby contributing socially, economically and environmentally to the ongoing sustainability of our Green Wedge.

We feel that 'horse keeping' is one of the largest (if not the largest) rural 'activity group' and rural economic driver within the shire, not only in the number of properties that are used for this purpose, but the broad reach of the dollar benefit through affiliated industries and activity.

Horse keeping is a legitimate rural land use and hence the value and importance of horse properties in the management of land within the Nillumbik Green Wedge should be recognized, acknowledged and supported.

All aspects of the shire's rural character should be afforded the same significance in contributing to and sustaining the Green Wedge. Combined they create the quintessential 'Nillumbik Landscape' that is so valued.

To meaningfully protect and prevent grazing on land of actual, identified (ground truthed) 'high biodiversity value', we suggest an initiative where property owners can access a voluntary take-up of 'Trust for Nature' Covenants that are sponsored by council.

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