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To: Doug Darlington
Subject: Exhibition of WSC Strategic Plan 2011 - 2015 & Community Strategic Plan (Update)

The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct Committee
Secretary - Doug Darlington

Dear Doug

On 27 April, 2011 Council resolved to exhibit two important strategic documents:

- **Wyong Shire Council Strategic Plan 2011 -- 2015**

<http://www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/building-and-development/on-public-exhibition/draft-wsc-strategic-plan-2011-2015/>

This draft Plan details the principal activities Council will deliver over the next four years. It replaces the former Annual Management Plan. This is our first Strategic Plan, consolidating plans and budgets from the previous Council structure and includes an Annual Budget, Long Term Financial Strategy, Fees and Charges, Asset Management Strategy, Workforce Management Strategy, Key Performance Indicators and a list of Major Projects.

The draft Strategic Plan 2011-2015 makes a better connection between what Council is doing and what the community has told us it wants delivered. Such a strategic plan is needed to detail the main activities Council will deliver over the next four years. It focuses on Council's capacity to manage and maintain its assets while delivering quality services to our growing community. It also looks at what will be required over the longer period of 10 years for assets, workforce and financial resources.

The Annual Budget for 2001/12 is a key component of the draft Wyong Shire Council Strategic Plan 2011-2015. After five consecutive years of operating shortfalls (\$30 million in 2009/10), the Strategic Plan places Council firmly on the path to financial sustainability.

Over the last year we have taken a hard look at where we spend money to ensure that it aligns with what the community has told us they value. That hard work is now starting to pay off and, as outlined in the WSC Strategic Plan 2011 -- 2015, we've managed to control rate and property charges price rises for the average resident to \$2.56 a week.

- **Community Strategic Plan (update)**

<http://www.wyong.nsw.gov.au/building-and-development/on-public-exhibition/draft-community-strategic-plan/>

The recently updated Community Strategic Plan (formerly called Shire Strategic Vision) focuses on what can be done to improve the quality of life over the next 20 years while preserving the values that we hold dear. Proposed changes to the Community Strategic Plan have incorporated recommendations from Council's Service Delivery Review and the latest government planning, policies. The plan has not changed dramatically but does include four new strategies, a greater emphasis on sustainability and clarification of who is responsible for achieving the strategies.

These two important documents are on exhibition from 4 May until 1 June 2011. They can be viewed at:

- Council offices -- 2 Hely Street, Wyong
- Council libraries at Tuggerah, Lakehaven, Bateau Bay or The Entrance
- Council's website at wsc@wyong.nsw.gov.au

In addition, a CD containing the two documents, background information and a submission form and has been mailed to you.

We would like to hear from you with any comments you might have regarding either plan. Your comments are important to us and help us to make decisions for the future.

There are a couple of ways you can do this:

drop off the feedback form (that is available on Council's website or wherever the plans are exhibited) to any of the exhibition locations sighted earlier

fill it out online or

send written submissions by email to wsc@wyong.nsw.gov.au , fax to (02) 4351 2098 or post to General Manager, Wyong Shire Council, PO Box 20, Wyong 2259

You have until Wednesday 1 June 2011 to have your say on the draft WSC Strategic Plan 2011 -- 2015 and the Community Strategic Plan (update). Comments from the public during exhibition will be carefully reviewed and the revised plans will then be presented to Council for adoption on 22 June, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning either of these documents or would like to arrange a speaker at one of your meetings to explain them in more detail during the exhibition period then please contact Daniel Smith (telephone: 4350 5407) or Kerry Austen-Gray (telephone: 4350 5488).

We look forward to your comments

Sincerely

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