

CITY OF WANNEROO
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 1992

APPENDIX 1

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:	R F JOHNSON, Chairman	South-West Ward
	W M MARWICK	Central Ward
	A M CARSTAIRS	Central Ward
	P NOSOW	South Ward
	G A MAJOR	South-West Ward
	F D FREAME	South-West Ward

Town Clerk:	
Deputy Town Clerk:	R F COFFEY
City Planner:	A ROBSON
City Parks Manager:	O G DRESCHER
Design Engineer:	F GRIFFIN
Committee Clerk:	P PIKOR
Minute Clerk:	D VINES
	J CARROLL

There were 29 Electors and 1 Non-Elector in attendance.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.35 pm.

ITEM OF BUSINESS

This meeting has been called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(3) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the re-zoning of Lot 61 Cliff Street, Marmion (CSIRO Site) from "Public Recreation" to "Residential Development" and the current and future use of the site.

The City Planner gave a brief history of the site, stating that the CSIRO building is located on a small portion of Lot 61, which was set aside as a Recreation Reserve within Council's Town Planning Scheme. The land was purchased by the Commonwealth from the State Government and the City obtained the Percy Doyle Reserve in exchange for this land. The Commonwealth Government is now rationalising its land holdings to determine what land can be dispensed with. This particular site can be partly subdivided and sold with the balance being retained as a research centre.

The intended development is to create 15 residential lots from the northern and southern ends of the site. Earlier applications to rezone the site were almost identical except that it was then decided to rezone the whole site. The current application retains the marine research centre within a special zone.

The City Planner stated that Council will now determine the amendment and decide whether to proceed or not, and the matter will be considered at the July meeting of Council.

The Mayor then sought questions from the floor.

Various electors expressed their concern at the proposed development of Lot 61. Their concerns related mainly to loss of the natural bushland on the site which they claim is the only remaining natural bushland in the area, loss of amenity, and parking problems. They are quite happy for CSIRO to remain as it is or to expand on its present site, provided this causes no problems. One elector believed that 25 extra scientists together with support staff were to be accommodated at the laboratory and anticipated that this could lead to problems with parking in his street.

The City Planner stated that the necessary parking requirements would be imposed on any new development of the site. Subdivision of the site would increase traffic but not to the extent that it would increase if the CSIRO were to expand and use the whole site.

Jim Clarko, Member for Marmion, believes the laboratories are an intrusion in an area which should be residential. He believes that the coastal strip is very short of land for public open space because the original subdivision took place before requirements were enforced for public open space contribution. His summary of the residents' requirements is that they will accept minor extensions to the CSIRO site and require the natural bush to be retained.

Discussion ensued, following which the Mayor asked for any motions from the floor.

MOVED Jeff Hollick, **SECONDED** Bill Cohen that the whole of Lot 61 Cliff Street, Marmion be zoned for Marine Laboratory and its associated activities.
CARRIED

Alan Blood, CSIRO's consultant, stated that CSIRO has problems with cash and this hampers research activities. He said present building was under-utilised and has adequate space for additional staff. He pointed out to the meeting that CSIRO did not need Council approval as it has non-conforming use rights, and could develop the total site without Council permission.

MOVED Bill Cohen, **SECONDED** Basil Best that the original motion be rescinded.
CARRIED

MOVED Bill Cohen, **SECONDED** Basil Best that the existing zoning for Lot 61 Cliff Street, Marmion be retained as "Reserve Public Recreation" and we call on the Council to ensure that this site is not significantly further developed and that it always remains within significant bush land.
CARRIED

MOVED Bill Cohen, **SECONDED** Basil Best that a letter be written to the CSIRO informing them of the motion.
CARRIED

CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the Meeting closed, the time being 8.54 pm.