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DATE OF MEETING: 26 March 1996

LOCATION: Council Chambers

TIME: 9:30am

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SECTION 1 ENVIRONMENT

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ITEM: 132 ✓**HAWKESBURY NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST****FILE NUMBER:** GP021/001 Pt04/GMA

REPORT:

The Local Government Associations have written seeking the nomination of an elected representative for the Trust.

Local Government has been represented by three elected Members - Councillor Robert Bell (Gosford City Council), Councillor Peter Brennan (Singleton Council) and Councillor Kevin Dwyer (Penrith City Council).

Councillor Brennan was not re-elected last year and since that time Local Government has only had two representatives on the Trust. The Associations are inviting nominations from all 19 Councils whose boundaries fall within the Trust's current area of responsibility. They need to make a decision regarding the name of their nominee by the end of March so that the new representative can attend the next scheduled meeting of the Trust in April.

Currently the Trust has a Board of 16 members, including those from the Environmental Protection Authority, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Sydney Water, Community Groups, Local Government in the Trust itself.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council nominate an elected representative to the Associations to be on the Board of the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Trust.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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ITEM: 133 ✓

GUIDED HORSE TRAIL RIDES ALONG EXISTING FIRE TRAILS -
LOT 202 & 203 DP206301 NOS. 380-382 LIEUTENANT BOWEN
DRIVE, BOWEN MOUNTAIN

FILE NUMBER: DA288/95/EVD

REPORT:

The following correspondence has been received from the Hawkesbury Bush Fire Management Committee:-

"Council is in receipt of a Development Application to allow commercial Horse Trail Guided Tours at Lt Bowen Drive, Bowen Mountain.

The members of the Executive of the Hawkesbury Bush Fire Management Committee feel that it is necessary to draw your attention to the following points and concerns:-

- *Bowen Mountain is an area of extreme fire risk and is in need of positive fire protection measures. One such measure is to provide restricted access to the present fire trail system;*
- *this fire trail system is gated at most entrances and this Committee has imposed strict measures for controlling access to keys. If the development is approved and keys are not made available, it is likely that the horses will go around the gates forming tracks which will encourage access by motor bikes and small recreational four wheel drive vehicles. The resulting increase in traffic will not only increase damage to the fire trails, but will also increase the risk of fire ignition;*
- *we have sought the advice from the Department of Bush Fire Services' Regional Officer for this region. His advice is that in other shires, in particular Warringah and Campbelltown, a considerable amount of damage is done to trails by horses, particularly on steep slopes, like those at Bowen Mountain. This will bring about a large increase in maintenance costs and, as this Committee is responsible for the care and maintenance of these trails, this is something that must be avoided;*
- *in the event of the Committee members conducting hazard reduction activities and fighting wild fires in this area, we are concerned that there could be loss of life brought about by being unaware of horses on the trails; and*
- *we believe that setting a precedent by allowing a commercial enterprise to use the trail system could encourage other groups to seek the use of these and other trails.*

As mentioned previously, this Committee has the responsibility for the implementation and maintenance of these trails and, therefore, strongly urge Council to reject this application."

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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