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Mayor's report to last meeting P5 >> nearly all of the people they had employed at the Majors Creek Mine because of an appeal that won't be heard until February. It's very distressing for those people. The appeal has been brought by Eurobodalla Council and the Greens. As I told [the Mirror] earlier, when

you make those sorts of decisions, you hurt people. The people who have lost their jobs have commitments and now they have no way of meeting them. That really annoys me. Councillors should know that the system has done everything it can to make sure the environment is looked after.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION PROPOSED MACS REEF WASTE TRANSFER STATION

The community is invited to attend an information Session for the new waste transfer station which is proposed to be constructed on land at the existing Mars Reef Landfill site.

The information session will be held between 3.00 pm – 7.00 pm on Tuesday 22 November 2011 at the By mag Community Halbur Piri va. Rhad

Persons in rested in the project are invited to drop in to the hell between the above times to view the proposals and discuss any issues with Councilis consultants for the project.

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Our patience sorely tested

For too many years we have seen and heard about the LEP in Bungendore and still we are waiting.

On Thursday 27 October, an extraordinary LEP meeting certainly became extraordinary when a resolution from the previous council meeting at Captain's Flat was rescinded and the decision was left in the hands of the General Manager, outside the scope of public review or comment. This is clearly not in the best interests of residents, developers or the future LEP.

We have participated in public consultations over the years and the Council's recently sponsored forum to gauge what residents like about Bungendore, the vision we see for its future, and what we would like retained in our town.

At that forum there was overwhelming support for getting the LEP in place. Without an LEP the town is being picked off, one haphazard development at a time, and in future years we will be wondering how we have ended up with such a dogs breakfast.

Palerang Council, you have tested the patience of the residents of this area. For the sake of Bungendore, and all of Palerang, let us see the LEP, our LEP, so we can formally comment on it and have a framework for planning the future of our town and shire. Ross Ford

Ellendon Street, Bungendore

Mirror's report is incorrect

Referring to your front page story 'Catchment Authority asks where's the water gone?' (Mirror 2.11.2011) which says I have "applied for a licence to pump groundwater for the purpose of stock, domestic, farming and irrigation", I am writing to make the situation clear.

A consulting hydrologist recommended in early June this year, that because the new Water Management Act was to become effective on 1 July 2011, we should lodge an application a.s.a.p. (within our rights as farmers), and then could subsequently decide whether to move ahead or not.

I am personally not in favour of irrigation from bores in this

area and have for sometime felt it is irresponsible to be drawing water from the aquifer where its size and permanence is unknown and where it is not being replenished as quickly as it is taken out.

I have no intention to use any of this groundwater for irrigation, and, in fact, am pro active about implementing positive management techniques to raise the level of groundwater in the region.

If any of your readers have, understandably, drawn any negative conclusion from the article as to my intent, it is incorrect.

Antony Coote Kings Highway, Bungendore

Now is the time to say so

There has been a lot said and written about subdivision in Palerang and, more particularly, in Bungendore village.

The present Local Environment Plan (the law) allows subdivision down to 450 square metres in the village. The new LEP will allow subdivision down to 1000 square metres, if passed in its recommended form. The 1000 metre minimum was carried by a unanimous vote of councillors.

The smallest block for the proposed subdivision at 128 Ellendon Street is in excess

of 1600 square metres. In my opinion it is impossible to refuse. It is highly irresponsible of councillors to give hope to objectors, and others wanting to stop developments, when there is none.

Further there has not been any real attempt by any councillor to reduce the likelihood or impact of subdivision, anywhere in Palerang Shire, at all. If the community is serious about such a reduction, then now is the time to say so.

Cr Walter Raynolds Palerang Shire Mayor