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The General Manger

Hornsby Shire Council

Item 9 NOM4/25 PROPERTIES 79-87 MALTON ROAD, BEECROFT

COUNCILLOR TILBURY TO MOVE THAT Council write to the NSW Minister for the Environment and local State Members of Parliament outlining Council's previously expressed view concerning the potential State conservation significance of property Nos. 79-87 Malton Road, Beecroft and requesting consideration of submissions by residents requesting the State Government seek to purchase the land.

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust supports Cr Tilbury's motion recommending that Council (to quote), *consider the submissions by residents and confirm its position on pursuing the potential purchase of the land.*

In the current environment of increased urbanisation and associated loss of bushland biodiversity, it is with the benefit of hindsight that our city planners and community have come to the realisation many of the land use zonings gazetted 50 years ago are not appropriate today. There are many examples across the Shire.

A clear example of inappropriate residential zoning, in today's environment, includes large sections of the Byles Creek Valley.

Before Council tonight is a motion that provides an opportunity to help create a more appropriate zoning on 79-87 Malton Rd to suit today's environment.

The whole of the pristine bushland site contributes significantly to the existing wildlife corridor that links the Byles Creek bushland to the Lane Cove National Park.

The State Government and therefore Council are both caught in a dilemma of how to manage bushfire prone residential land across the Shire, resulting in low density housing with destructive asset protection zones locked into perpetuity.

Tonight Council has an opportunity to assist in changing decisions made 50 years ago that are not appropriate today. These opportunities do not come up very often.

Our councillors should ask themselves – if the current zoning on 79-87 Malton Rd was zoned open space now , would Council rezone the land to residential for just 4 houses in a bushfire risk area?

The Trust wish to thank Cr Tilbury for moving this motion.

Regards Ross Walker OAM

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Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust

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