



Many of you will have received a "Springwood" brochure in the mail this week, outlining several options for the development of Council facilities in Springwood. This leaflet summarises those options and presents the S.O.S. response to the options.

You may be phoned by Council's Market Research Company about these options, so we think it useful to provide you with our views. You also have the opportunity to directly contact Council about your preferences.

Comment on the proposals by filling in the survey at Springwood Library, on the Council website (www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au), or send your own submission to Council. You can post it (BMCC, Locked Bag 1005, Katoomba, NSW, 2780) or email council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au.

The S.O.S. Option

The upgrade of existing facilities over time paid for by grants or low interest loans.

Why?

- Financially the most viable option when council are asking for a special rate variation (increase).
- Protects the entrance to our town.
- Protects the vista to the National park enjoyed from the Town Square.
- Allows focus on traffic issues without adding to them.
- Adheres to council's current planning guidelines for LEP2005
- Keeps facilities together on an easy accessible site (important to our aging population).
- Does not threaten the fabric of the town.
- Does not require sale of community land to big business.

Why not Options A or B?

- Cost – up to minimum \$16.5 million.
- Overdevelopment of the Southern car park.
- Impact on our unique vista from the Town Square. The elevation drawings in the brochure suggest the view south from here will be obstructed and overshadowed by large buildings.
- Tiered car parking attracts graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- What is presented is not necessarily what would be achieved.
- Construction will cause major traffic and parking upheaval impacting on retail viability for shopkeepers.
- Options A and B do not embody current planning guidelines for LEP2005.
- Loss of our small town atmosphere.
- The real possibility of Public Private Partnership or similar.

EDITORIAL

*It is now time for this Council to **pause, step back and reconsider** the direction it is leading our community. It is time to halt the Springwood Town Centre Project and begin again. The rate increase being sought by **council** proves it **cannot afford involvement** in such massive, costly developments as outlined in the brochures.*

*Such immense construction can only be undertaken in partnership with private developers and in this context would inevitably mean a supermarket/retail complex. **We have always opposed this direction** because of the damage it would wreak on our social character, environment and heritage. Council's precarious financial situation now adds a further dimension. We cannot afford this project. Council has a duty of care to us. It must now exercise that duty.*

Contact us: mail@saveourspringwood.org.au or visit our website: www.saveourspringwood.org.au