

ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 4th 2009
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Present: Tony Smith, Neil Jones, Nick King, Col Foster, Susan Sanders, Peter West

Apologies: Phil Stevenson, Yvette Black, Haidee Neilson, Jennifer Smith

Department of Primary Industry submission: The ECCO committee discussed the content of the submission to be lodged by ECCO against the proposed reclassification and sale of DPI land, as instructed by the public meeting organized by ECCO for its general meeting of January 28th 2009.

Points for inclusion in the submission:

The site in question should be considered as an integral part of Orange's new Local Environment, and as such be incorporated into the holistic planning for South Orange.

The land in question is not "superfluous to the needs" of the DPI.

Need for buffer zones between the DPI research land and adjoining land.

The presence of threatened species

The unwarranted expense of providing infrastructure for development at this time.

That Orange has sufficient land available for development in the North and West at this time.

Neil to write the submission and circulate same for comment.

Clean Up Australia Day: Peter West has applied to Orange City Council for Clean up Australia Day sites and has secured same.

Clean up Australia Day, sites and activities will be advertised through ECCO membership communication, letterbox drops in the neighborhoods that are in proximity to the sites, posters at venues near the sites and information to be delivered to the schools in the neighborhood of the sites (Orange Public and Calare schools). There will also be newspaper coverage before the event.

The ECCO Clean up Australia Day sites are: Moulder Park, Elephant Park, Anson Street Skate Park, Blackman's Swamp Creek, Spring Creek. Stay tuned for more information closer to the event.

Earth First Article: Peter doing a great job of co-coordinating articles for this column. Has produced a calendar for contributions.

Soil Dumping: Concern was expressed about soil dumping on various sites around Orange on public land. This issue to be discussed at the next ECCO meeting.

Climate Change Meeting: A meeting to be arranged to discuss climate change and the Federal Government's White Paper to be tabled at the end of March. Tony Smith to approach Doctor Andrew Rawson, Senior Scientist (Climate Change) to address a future ECCO meeting on the subject.

Earth Hour: 28th March. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Energy Champions: Neil to discuss Brian Phillips' Energy Champions proposal with Country Energy at the next Country Energy Advisory board meeting, seeking their sponsorship.

Local Environment Plan: Tony Smith to oversee the division of the LEP into zones. The zones will be circulated among members. Volunteers will be sought from among the membership to study each zone and provide recommendations.

Nick King
Secretary: