

## **MINUTES OF ECCO COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 10, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Peter West, Yvette Black, Stephen Nugent, Jenny Smith, Neil Jones, Nick King, Colin Young, Phil Stephenson

**APOLOGIES:** Tony Smith, Colin Foster, Susan Sanders

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter was received from Harris Farm Market in response to ECCO's correspondence concerning supermarket trolleys. They proposed a perimeter locking system, rejecting the idea of a trolley deposit. Harris Farm also requested ECCO support for the perimeter locking proposal. The meeting requested a letter to be written to Harris Farm reiterating support for a deposit system and encouraging Harris Farm to negotiate with Woolworths concerning this. In the event of Harris Farm Market being unsuccessful, ECCO would be interested in receiving further information about the proposed perimeter locking system.

### **BUSINESS OF MEETING:**

**Orange Showground** The committee endorsed a submission from ECCO to be forwarded to Orange City Council concerning the future of Orange Showground. Representatives of the Insite Group which was employed by Council to investigate possible alternatives concerning the future management of the Orange Showground are meeting with stakeholders to discuss their report.

The Insite report on the future of the Orange Showground will go to Council for debate on July 16. Insite will also meet with two community panels on June 11 and 12.

The committee agreed that it would be preferable if any decision on the future of the Orange Showground be deferred to enable further investigation of options.

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, two ECCO members will attend a stakeholders' meeting at the ELF commencing 6pm to discuss possible future enhanced use, and future amenities to enhance and improve the Showground's current use. Peter West and Yvette Black have agreed to represent ECCO at this meeting.

**Cadia East Goldmine:** The Cadia East goldmine extension environmental assessment is now available to the public. ECCO to contact personnel from Cadia mines to address a public meeting arranged for July 1<sup>st</sup> where this issue can be discussed. Neil to contact speakers for the proposed public meeting.

**Constructed Wetlands:** Orange City Council has developed a feasibility study for a series of constructed wetlands as part of Orange's water management plan. Neil and Jeremy to meet with Geolyse consultant Martin Haigh concerning this issue. Martin to be approached to address the July ECCO meeting on the subject of constructed wetlands.

Given the focus on constructed wetlands it was considered timely to consider renewal of the issue of reclassification of Ploughman's Valley land to allow the development of a wetland in the area, free from the threat of development.

ECCO has sent a submission to Council concerning the integration of constructed wetlands into council's proposed storm water management plan.

**Home Energy Champions:** The meeting agreed to change the status of the Home Energy Champions project from that of a competition to a public service, to be accessible via the ECCO website, currently under construction. Support to be sought for the project in this form from both Orange City Council and Country Energy.

**The Hub:** Neil to write to Ian Kiernan regarding the Hub project. In view of current issues surrounding this proposal it is timely that ECCO reexamine its position on the HUB. Members have suggested alternate technologies to landfill which are innovative and more in keeping with twenty first century waste management.

**Next ECCO general meeting:** June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Environmental Learning Facility commencing 7pm. All welcome

**Public meeting concerning the Cadia East goldmine extension environmental assessment** July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Environmental Learning Facility commencing 7pm. All welcome.

The ECCO Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Nick King Secretary.