

Submission for the 2017-2018 Golden Plains Shire, Draft Budget.

Councillors, I would like you to reconsider two aspects of the 2017/18 Draft Budget.

Firstly the Play Space project.

Assuming it is to be located in Tolloora Way Batesford, on the north side of the Dog Rocks Reserve. As chairman of the Dog Rocks Reserve Management Committee we do not consider this area suitable for a play space.

It is located on a dangerous corner and despite the 50 kmh speed limit, many cars move along this section of roadway at a speed in excess of this. There are no footpaths in this area, therefore people and children accessing this play space must walk on the roadway. A very dangerous situation. It also detracts from the original vision of the Honey Family when they donated the land to the Trust for Nature, of an open and uncluttered view of the Dog Rocks from the surrounding area.

I therefore ask you to reconsider the location of the play space and relocate it to one of the other more suitable locations in the area.

Secondly the Redevelopment of the Shire Offices.

This project is a very large and expensive undertaking and a huge long term financial commitment for the Shire. It will place a large financial burden on the ratepayers for a very long time. To spend \$500,000 in this budget with no commitment at this point for the rest of the project may cause the \$500,000 to be totally wasted.

I realise the office staff in portable buildings need something better, but this project as proposed earlier, is far too grand for the needs of Golden Plains Shire.

I therefore ask you to reconsider the size of this project and carry out public consultation on this project before any money is spent.

This \$500,000 would be much more useful spent on roads and drainage in rural areas where there are real problems.

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