

Author name: F. Grotte

Date of submission: Monday, 3 August 2015

Submission: From: Fred Grotte [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 31 July 2015 5:08 PM
To: IPART Mailbox
Subject: Submission Form

Individual
Not anonymous
Fred Grotte
My submission is not confidential

1. I live in a narrow (100 year old) road and [REDACTED] recently provided the residents with a proposal that was completely inappropriate and rejected by the majority of residents. Yet it took me a few minutes to search the internet and find that older suburbs such as Woollahra and Leichhardt have established "Shared Zone" parking. Accordingly, the original proposal was simply a gross waste of public resources. 30 streets are currently defined by Leichhardt Council as 'Narrow Streets' yet HHC has not even established this policy. Small council = no service and a waste of resources.
2. The Corporate Governance Stormwater Management Plan is an unsustainable farce. In December 1989 HHC recognised 9 critical stormwater catchment flood zones. By 2008 HHC had set aside \$28,000 for the Bonnefin Rd works. Only in consequence of legal proceedings HHC in meeting No.4270 June 2009 did HHC defer other works to budget expenditure totalling \$93,800 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If the other capital works budgets are similarly under provided, the infrastructure horizon in HHC is frightening. Are the original amounts budgeted lies to make HHC appear falsely sustainable?
3. All 'Fit for the Future' HHC meetings I attended only represent the anti-amalgamation position. I volunteered to speak for the pro amalgamation case but was ignored. The meetings are therefore stacked with [REDACTED] and not representative of the broader community. It is wrong for HHC to devote resources to this one-eyed, self-serving approach.
4. Many HHC services such as waste management are already shared with other councils. It therefore seems incredibly wasteful to bear the cost of a duplicate management and councillor structure. As noted above, I would rather have an 'Area Traffic Engineer'.
5. Boronia Park is heritage listed. Since 2009 HH Rugby Club has been attempting to build a club house with chef, catering staff, venue manager, etc. Local residents have been fighting alleged community halls or amenity buildings which are nothing more than disguised licensed club house premises. The Mayor, general manager and at least one councillor seem keen to push through the club house facility. Perhaps HHC is too small and the relationship with vested interests too incestuous to allow local residents to have a voice.

Fred Grotte
[REDACTED]