

## 11 MAYORAL MINUTE

### 11.1 Mayoral Minute: Bombo Quarry

#### Attachments

Nil

#### Enclosures

Nil

### **RECOMMENDED**

That Council:

1. Delegate to the CEO to prepare correspondence to all land owners at Bombo Quarry seeking up to date detailed information about their development plans for the site
2. Following receipt of this information from the land owners of Bombo Quarry, that the CEO be requested to organise a workshop for councillors and essential staff to discuss the these developments.

### **REPORT**

Media sources indicate ongoing discussions about the future of Bombo Quarry, but no detailed plans or timelines have been established yet. The NSW Government has indicated that any residential or commercial development at the site is not expected in the near future, although they are committed to collaborating with Kiama Council on planning the site's future. Boral, the construction company owning a significant portion of the quarry, is working with Transport for NSW to evaluate redevelopment opportunities.

A survey led by Kiama MP Gareth Ward showed that 55% of participants support or strongly support residential development at the quarry. Local community groups are pushing for the site to be used for affordable housing, public spaces, and commercial and industrial purposes to promote sustainable growth and employment. While Kiama Council recognises the potential for future development at the site, its short-term future remains unclear, and as the local planning authority, Kiama Municipal Council must be prepared.

**11.2 Support for Jamberoo Rural Fire Service****Attachments**

Nil

**Enclosures**

Nil

Item 11.2

***RECOMMENDED***

That Council support the Jamberoo Rural Fire Service request to the NSW Rural Fire Service to provide grant funding to affix photovoltaic panels to the roof of the Jamberoo Rural Fire Service building.

**REPORT**

I met with the Jamberoo Rural Fire Service in February 2024. They have a substantial building in the town of Jamberoo. Its east-west orientation lends itself ideally for the mounting of photovoltaic cells along the north-facing roof.

They believe that additional solar power will offset the costs of running air conditioning day and night during summer (to reduce the effects of mildew on uniforms and equipment), will assist in reverse cycle warming of the shed in the winter and supplement power during any power outages through the installation of a battery.

Given the unusual weather conditions that we have been experiencing over the last few years this is a very sensible option for the Jamberoo RFS.

The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain if the council were favourable to the idea and could provide some assistance in seeking grant funding. The group was not seeking any funding from Kiama Council, merely the Council's endorsement of the grant application.