

Council
Mayor Petrie, Deputy Mayor Macnish

Re: media Release and POM document 20 December 2022 –
still Not in Public Exhibition section of website, despite filename inferring that is where it is?
(<https://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-council/council-documents>)
28 September 2022 Resolution to endorse POM & issue to Minister

The 28 September 2022 agenda report referred to additional costs associated with reviewing etc the management plans (every 10 years) operating costs, maintenance costs, depreciation, and 'significant risk in continuing to manage the reserve without an approved POM in place. NOT a mention in the finance section of the report of the actual 10 year long term financial plan expenditure or cash flow consequences?

Q: is there a reason why neither the relevant TSC agenda report nor the updated POM have excluded the financial consequences of TSC taking management responsibility for this Crown Reserve owned by the State?

Q: If staff consider there is significant risk continuing to manage property for which Council had no ownership (being Crown Land) why was there no comment in the relevant agendas or the POM about the risk associated with taking full management responsibility for the Reserve?

This all seems like yet another 'cost shifting' exercise from the State to the TSC ratepayers and residents.

I have several questions, relating to potential further financial costs likely to be passed onto approximately 5,000 Tenterfield Shire Council (TSC) ratepayers & approximately 6,000 (including ratepayer residents) residents for the Old Powerhouse Crown Reserve R22044 (apparently containing or adjacent to the Youth Precinct and the Mountain Bike Trailhead), questions which I think would also be valid for all Crown Reserves which TSC now has \$ responsibility for operational management, asset maintenance and Plan/s development, expenditure & approval?

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Q1: How much has accepting this responsibility from the State cost TSC by year, including consultants, preparing & getting approval for documents, staff time etc?

Q2: What specific budgets and integrated Planning & reporting inclusions are included for this "Old Powerhouse Reserve".

Q3: Does this (& other documents) presume that as the State is the 'owner' and TSC is the Crown Land Manager, that TSC avoids expenses such as depreciation and avoids potential 'failing financial ratios'?

Q4: the report suggests this POM complies with all state legislative requirements. Is this correct? Eg Capital expenditure guidelines?

Q5: What is the total cost to TSC of the multiple Crown Land Management sites TSC has taken responsibility for & what 'share' of TSC mandatory rates & charges does it represent?

Q6: what \$ information over the 10 year long term financial plan (including cash flow) were councillors provided (in which public documents) prior to any resolution supporting this seemingly significant activity?

Q7: did councillors realise their agreement may result in TSC's approx 5,000 ratepayers being forced to accept financial responsibility when it should remain as a State liability?

Q8: What lease, licence for any community purpose is TSC administration likely to be considering and who will pay the related expenses?

Thanks
Cheryl

Plan of Management

**Old Power House Reserve
Crown Street, Tenterfield**

Version 1.2 – December 2022

This Plan of Management will be on exhibition for a period of 28 days, being from Thursday, 22 December 2022 to 5.00pm Wednesday, 18 January 2023. Submissions will be accepted by Council until 5.00pm Wednesday, 1 February 2023.

Should no submissions be received on this Plan of Management, it will be considered adopted by Council under clause 70B of the Crown Land Management Regulation 2018.

Plan of management is available on Council's website <https://www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/yourcouncil/council-documents/public-exhibition-documents>.

All submissions are to be addressed to: The Chief Executive, PO Box 214, Tenterfield NSW 2372 or emailed to council@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au.

While the link to the public exhibition document suggests it is a 'Public Exhibition' document it only appears via the home page interesting news items NOT on the TSC website Public Exhibition documents page link.