

Responses to Questions on Notice

Received at the 26 September 2019
Ordinary Meeting of Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Arnold".

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BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING

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QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Question with Notice No. 1
File No:

Mitchell's Rainforest Snails – Byron Bypass Construction
I2019/1537

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At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 26 September 2019, Duncan Dey asked the following question which was taken on notice:

On 30 August Byron Shire Council issued an update on the Byron bypass construction works. It stated "Council has also elected to refer works planned primarily for Stage 2 of the project to the Federal Government Department of the Environment and Energy for approval under the Environmental Protection & Conservation Act."

Can Council advise when the referral application will be lodged and is it true that Mitchell's Rainforest Snails have been found in Stage 1 of the construction works or in the vicinity, and if so, will a referral be made regarding Stage 1?

Response Director Infrastructure Services

Council has lodged the referral of the Byron Bay bypass to the Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE), and the referral is now being assessed. Mitchell's Rainforest Snails were found in the area of vegetation opposite the Burns Street intersection, which has been cordoned off.

No works has or will be undertaken in this area until Council has a response from the DoEE allowing the works to occur.

There were no Mitchell's Rainforest snails found in any other vegetation areas of Stage 1 of the project.

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Question with Notice No. 2
File No:

Referral of Development Applications
I2019/1538

At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 26 September 2019, John Anderson asked the following question which was taken on notice:

What is the relevant process for referral of DAs and why was the Byron Bypass DA originally shunted off to the regional planning panel for determination when the actual cost of construction for tender was just over \$14 million, well short of the \$20 million which I understand to be the relevant criteria?

Response Director Infrastructure Services:

The overall project budget for the Byron Bay bypass is \$24M.

Regional Planning Panels determine development applications (DAs) with a capital investment value of over \$5M for projects that are Council related.

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