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Sent: Monday, 10 December 2018 1:20 AM
To:

Subject: Questions for Council RE: Stockpiling of roadwaste at 21 Lakeside Drive.

I have a few queries regarding answers given to my questions of the 27 th of November in regard to the use of a part of 21 Lakeside Drive being used as a stockpile deposit for current road works along Lakeside Drive.

Q1) In answers given to my questions regarding the use of this area (once again) as a convenient dumping ground for road waste Council claimed that there was a media release , public notices and door knocking of affected residences along Lakeside Drive yet residents I have spoken too have no recollection of any indication being given in relation to the fact that this area was to be used as a stockpile area.

Why is it that there was no mention of the fact that this area, which is a public access area and surge zone was to be used as a stockpile area in public consultations and notifications in regard to the Lakeside Drive Upgrade prior to this work commencing and indeed was only added to public notifications on the 22 nd of November , after I had made my complaint ?

Im sure I would not be alone in objecting to this surge zone being used in this way and had it been included in the consultation / notifications Im sure that many would have put forward their objections.

Q2) I have spoken to several individuals who have been involved with road works and constructions for many years and they were rather perplexed as I was at aspects of this operation. Indeed none had ever heard of depositing and burying and compacting road waste with a view to digging it back up for use at a later date.

Why is this road base material not being taken straight to Shoal Bay ? Why the 'double handling' of waste that will not be reused? How much of this waste has so far been recycled and what percentage is likely to be removed?

Where else in the Darwin area has this burying and then removing of road waste been carried out by Council contractors ?

Q3) Were plans to use this area as a stockpile included in the original plans put to the elected Council or was it decided later by Council staff independent of the elected Councils knowledge?

Could the complete original plans for this upgrade including any indication of intent to use this area as a stock pile storage facility please be attached to the minutes of this meeting ?

If not please direct me to where I might view these original plans and include the document number.

Q4) In reply to my question number 7 regarding this matter of the stock piling of road waste in this area Council mentioned that Environmental, dilapidation and remediation plans were provided as part of the overall plans for this project. Could these Environmental, dilapidation and remediation plans please be attached to the minutes of this meeting ?

If not why not ? And how would one go about gaining access to these plans ?

Q5) In answer to my 3 rd question in regard to the costs of rehabilitating this area I was given the answer that the cost of " the remediation of this area is contained within the budget but these costs are commercial in confidence." Please explain this and how does this fit in with Councils claims to act with transparency?

Q6)This area has been used on many, many occasions as a convenient stockpile area for Council contractors without , it seems, any relevant documentation being in place, and indeed a stock pile deposited and left directly behind the pump station in 2015 by the Council contract company Mousellis and Sons is still on site despite mention in the ' Lakeside Drive Treatment Plan' that the area containing this stockpile would be " smoothed".

Are there plans in the future to use this area again as a convenient stockpile area after this operation is completed ?

Or will Council staff just give authorization for this land which is owned by the people of Darwin , and a surge zone ,to be used this way at their discretion when it suits them and again without public notification and consultation?

Thank you ,
Lia Gill