

The following resolutions are proposed as outcomes of this public meeting (5 May 2013):

1. Council has stated in recent Council Reports that it supports “meaningful stakeholder input” into the drafting of the new Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and the “need to embrace local community perspectives throughout the plan making process”. This meeting requests improved communication from Blue Mountains City Council to residents about the new LEP and ‘meaningful stakeholder input’ into the drafting of the new plan, including at a minimum a three month public consultation period on the draft plan. We also ask that our local members Hon. Stuart Ayres and Roza Sage lobby on behalf of the community to the NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP to ensure this outcome is achieved.
2. This meeting requests that Blue Mountains City Council and the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure ensures that the new LEP for the Blue Mountains is at least equal to, if not more stringent, than our current LEPs in terms of environmental assessment provisions, development controls and environmental protection zoning, given our World Heritage status and the severe development constraints on a city within a national park. We also ask that our local members Hon. Stuart Ayres and Roza Sage lobby on behalf of the community to the NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP to ensure this outcome is achieved.
3. The Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area is the responsibility of both the State and Commonwealth government. This meeting requests that NSW Minister for the Environment, The Hon. Robyn Parker MP and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, as managers of the World Heritage Area, are consulted during the development of the LEP. This meeting also requests that the Commonwealth Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Tony Burke MP considers a strategic assessment of the impacts of the draft LEP on the World Heritage Area, consistent with Commonwealth legislation.