

New servo approved for North Maclean

A SERVICE station and truck stop will be built at North Maclean despite it conflicting with the planning scheme and concerns from community members and some Logan City councillors.

The development, on the corner of Greenbank Road and the Mt Lindesay Highway, was approved at council's ordinary meeting last week.

Approval was granted despite a move by Crs Hajnal Ban, Darren Power, Sean Black, Phil Pidgeon and Graham Able to have the item deferred.

Concerned about the impact the development would have on the intersection, Cr Ban moved the application be taken back to committee. She was not successful, with the motion voted down 6-5.

The service station will incorporate a vehicle refuelling and parking area, truck refuelling and parking area and a convenience restaurant.

Access is intended from Greenbank Road initially, with the potential for access in the future to be via a service road parallel to the Mt Lindesay Highway.

Cr Ban said her main concern was the safety of motorists using Greenbank Road.

"I'm not going to support anything that is going to jeopardise the safety of motorists," she said.

"I've got no issue with a service station

but it should be put in an area consistent with the planning scheme and in an area not dangerous to motorists."

Division Seven Councillor Lynne Clarke, whose division the development is in, accused Cr Ban of being out of touch with the community.

"When I spoke to residents, I didn't speak to everyone but I spoke to a few, it came across very strong to me that they wanted it and I said 'well if they live there and they want it then I will support it'," she said.

Cr Clarke said concerns about the safety of the intersection were misguided and cited Main Roads plans to upgrade the intersection as a reason why the development could proceed.

Main Roads had planned to upgrade the intersection during September and October but due to a delay in gaining approval to clear trees at the site, the project has stalled.

According to a report by council's development assessment manager "sufficient planning grounds exist to support approval in spite of the conflicts" with the planning scheme.

Conditions imposed on the development include vegetation management and rehabilitation, relocation of animals and conditions to avoid any possibility of chemical spills. Developer James Hunter Holdings could not be contacted for comment.

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- Cr Hajnal Ban