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Please respond to Kapunda

10 October 2018

Minister for Environment & Water
The Hon David Speirs MP
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Dear Minister 

RE: LEVI CREEK RESERVE, FRANKTON

I was contacted by constituents in May 2016 about ongoing illegal activity in the Levi Creek Reserve (Sections 452-455, Hundred of Dutton), which continues to escalate due to the area's isolation and difficulty for the police to attend promptly. I enclose a petition from local residents.

The land is used for informal camping and for off-road motorbike and four-wheel drive use. However, nearby landowners have raised serious concerns about trespassing, the illegal use of firearms, damage to vegetation from vehicles as well as violent and threatening behaviour towards locals. I am informed police have been made aware of these issues over the years.

The Regional Council of Goyder sought Ministerial approval in August 2016 to revoke the community land classification of this Crown land so it could hand back the land to the State.

Earlier this year my office was advised your Department was still investigating options for managing this land, however, they are yet to be implemented and locals are expressing frustration and concern that the issues are escalating.

Please provide information about the proposed management strategies for this land and when they will be implemented, as this matter becomes more frustrating and concerning for my constituents as each month passes.

Yours sincerely



Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
MEMBER FOR STUART

Ref: Ministerial/18-025/K
Encl: Petition

TRURO POST OFFICE



LEVI CREEK RESERVE & LOCALS NEED YOUR HELP

STOP THE UNREGISTERED AND UNLICENSED M/C RIDERS AND 4 WD DRIVES TURNING IT INTO A DUST BOWL.

STOP THE DUMPING OF RUBBISH . HAVE SOME RESPECT ITS OUR BACKYARD.

STOP CHILDREN FROM RIDING ON OUR MAIN ROADS ITS AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.WHILE MUM & DAD WATCH WITH A BEER IN THEIR HAND.

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ANDREA BAINES	RICE ST	[Signature]
Deborah Roberts	Start Highway, Truro	[Signature]
Det White	Hutt Rd, Frankton	[Signature]
Joe Wilson	Nursi	[Signature]
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DAWN RUEDIGER	TALLA	[Signature]
Monica Halliday	TRURO - Bakery	[Signature]
PHIL T.M.M.S.	32 MEARUNA	[Signature]

Locals only!
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where are the police ??

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Emily Moore

From: Emily Moore
Sent: Friday, 26 July 2019 11:45 AM
To: 'peterh@websouth.com.au'
Cc: Cr. Debbie Hibbert
Subject: IEM-72019-2396 - 16.30.1.4 - RE: Please can I have a copy of the Council report about Levi Creek Water Reserve

SynergySoft: IEM-72019-2396 - 16.30.1.4

Hi Peter,

Thank you again for your email.

As explained previously, the advertisement and proposal is community consultation. Regardless of how it may be perceived it is done strictly in accordance with Local Government Legislation. This information has been advertised in local papers, on Council's facebook page, within the community newsletter and the proposal is available for public viewing from both Council offices.

Questions regarding a 'Landcare' group will need to be directed accordingly when and if this process is finalised and SAPOL similar to Council also don't have the resources to monitor and regulate activities in this space.

Your comments have again been noted and will be presented with other comments at our upcoming August 20th Council meeting for decision.

Thank you
Emily

From: peterh@websouth.com.au [mailto:peterh@websouth.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 26 July 2019 11:19 AM
To: Emily Moore
Cc: Councillor Hibbert; Peter Schiller
Subject: Re: Please can I have a copy of the Council report about Levi Creek Water Reserve

Thank you Emily for your additional feedback,
It is helpful to know some of these extra things

I will be asking that Council actually supply the community with more details on costs and what community involvement and consultation they have actually done, as I am unaware of any from the Eudunda, Neales and Dutton perspectives, let alone that this is a whole of community resource.

I would like to understand how a Landcare group would be able to stop it being abused and the lawless behaviour, so that people going there are protected.
One would think that Council has more leverage to get support from SAPOL and regulators than a Landcare group

I am not against any idea that will actually work, but it must be sustainable and continuing and discussed at whole of community level.

I feel the advert in the paper was confrontational rather than seeking support, and that it was not helpful at all, just creates anti Council sentiment (again).

thanks again,
Have a great weekend

Cheers
PeteH

On 26/07/2019 10:30 am, Emily Moore wrote:

Dear Peter,

RE: LEVI CREEK

Please be advised that this matter has been a concern for a large number of community members, the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) and Council for many years. It is important to note that a petition in support of this process was signed by no less than fifty (50) community members.

Public consultation was unable to commence until an agreement between DEW and Council had been decided and a road realignment assessment had been completed. Unfortunately this process takes time. Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1999 section 50 and Council policy, the advertisement and proposal is your opportunity to express your views and in that regard we thank you.

Council does not have the resources to regulate illegal activities in this space. We've attempted many times in the past and spent a considerable amount of funding replacing fences that are continually damaged or removed. Council has also been very proactive in dealing with the communities concerns and we strongly support the revocation as we're led to believe that the crown will employ a Landcare group to undertake care and control which would be in the best interests of all concerned.

Again thank you for your comments.

Thank you,
Emily Moore
Executive Assistant to the
Chief Executive Officer

From: peterh@websouth.com.au [peterh@websouth.com.au]
Sent: 25 July 2019 4:17 PM
To: Councillor Hibbert
Subject: Re: Please can I have a copy of the Council report about Levi Creek Water Reserve

Thank you very much

it would seem that Council is very 'out of order' if one is to look at the 'In chronological order:' page 2

The last entry

22nd October, 2018 Council CEO confirmed that DEWNR have given Council authority to conduct public consultation regarding the revocation of the classification of community land for the land mentioned above.

I am not aware of any "Public consultation" just a declaration they want to revoke the land seems a very aggressive, controversial and non consultative move??

By the way - I do get that there is trouble and it won't be easy to fix, but why should council be able to just skip out of something like this that easy. (and by the look of it DEWNR for that matter).

Interesting too in the points that are brought up of the issues, just about all of them can be found in other places too except perhaps the harassment and most would not have considered environmental damage, have you ever questioned this statement - what the heck do they mean? motorbike riding and 4WD driving (and associated tracks), and ERR! the points

- * camping
- * fire

It makes it sound as if they are not allowed to camp at all - has this changed - I still remember being a Assistant Cub Leader camping with the Cubs there (80s) fire - what is the issue - if they said 'during fire ban season' that would be different

it just seems like they put a lot of points on the page just to make it look good.

I don't see on there any mention of what Council has done and spent and budgeted for to try solve the issue That would I hope be something that You and Peter should ask for so you can present it to us.
I would hope that you would also ask for a similar summary of what Council did (project plan) and expended and still budget for with the Worlds End Gorge so that we can have a 'practical model' of what might be involved in doing the same so it can be a safe and friendly environment and natural water reserve.
(trying to dodge the 'Everything happens and spent at Burra' if I can help it - isn't it right to at least examine what has been done and succeeded?).
Of course - it may well come up that there is an imbalance - heaven help us if they are willing to do it in the north but not in the south.

Interesting to see Native Title mentioned - could save some of it Not that I had even thought of that at the time - but lets face it - it would have to have been a significant spot for the first people to camp at.
We just don't see it as attractive now because of the neglect and vandalism.

I do feel for the land owners around there too - they must be so disappointed this has happened on thier back door.

And as an aside, there are likely some other spots coming up which may well cause a clash with some of our tourism efforts and illegal bike riding etc, so we really need to get this "obvious" one sorted so we have control and power to be able to do similar with the new trails.
so there can be no 'whimping out' as the new trails will be of economic benefit to the community.

You may have seen me mention that often I see things being 'white anted' around here, (looks ok on the shell - but nothing inside) well - looking into the future - I see that if we let this one go (Levi) we loose another

resource that could be valuable in the future, and maybe Native Title could lead to a 'tourism trail' thing.
(guess we got to be careful not to get the neighbours worried about that one too - but these days I think people can work together)

thanks again!

cheers
PeteH

On 25/07/2019 1:27 pm, Councillor Hibbert wrote:

Sure thing. Please see attached.

Kind Regards,
Debbie Hibbert
Councillor
Regional Council of Goyder

From: peterh@websouth.com.au<<mailto:peterh@websouth.com.au>>
[peterh@websouth.com.au<<mailto:peterh@websouth.com.au>>]
Sent: 25 July 2019 1:17 PM
To: Councillor Hibbert
Subject: Please can I have a copy of the Council report about Levi Creek Water Reserve

thanks heaps for offering this
much appreciated.

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Cheers
PeteH

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From: Anthony Hibbert [<mailto:daaah007@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 1:17 PM

To: Council Default

Subject: Feedback Re: ICOR-72019-1866 -16.30.1.4 - Map for Area Known as Levi Creek

For the Attention of the CEO and Elected Members,

I would like to formally submit my feedback regarding the proposed revocation of the classification of community land more commonly known as Levi Creek. As a local government employee myself, I can understand the benefits to Council with regards to reducing overheads and mitigating risk and from this perspective, the revocation makes good business sense. Should Council be successful with this proposal, how does this address the issues being experienced, such as informal camping, off-road motor vehicles and the use of firearms? It would be appealing to the community if a report was completed as to what the Crown would do with the land and how the issues will be handled. Whilst the Regional Council of Goyder are mitigating their risks, it isn't actually solving the issues, especially for the adjoining landowners, however Council are simply handing the issues over to the Crown without offering any solutions.

For a solution that better aligns with your Goyder Master Plan 2018-2033 (GMP), it would be pleasing for Council to conduct a feasibility study with a vision of leasing Levi Creek to a third party business or organisation for the purposes of recreational activities. It would also be pleasing for Council to facilitate this process by positively assisting any potential lessee through any required planning approval processes. A well-executed tender process will identify serious contenders and a well-written lease/agreement will mitigate risk and costs to Council by holding the lessee responsible for the management, care and maintenance of the land. Providing the lessee operates in an effective manner, the opportunity of the aforementioned issues will be reduced.

I understand that feasibility studies can sometimes be a lengthy and costly exercise, however the potential benefits far outweigh these. Potential benefits include:

- Reduced overheads to Council
- Income stream for Council
- Mitigated risks for Council
- Safer environment for adjoining land owners
- Activities are regulated
- Maintained land and fencing
- Opportunity to rejuvenate/revegetate pockets of land not being directly used
- Business opportunity for the community
- Promoting the area
- Increasing visitor numbers
- Aligning with the GMP
- Shows that Council is a forward thinker with a positive attitude

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this matter and I appreciate the time of Council staff and the Elected Members.

Kind regards,
Anthony Hibbert
0400 837 265

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Emily Moore** <emoore@goyder.sa.gov.au>
Date: Wed., 10 Jul. 2019, 11:26 am
Subject: ICOR-72019-1866 -16.30.1.4 - Map for Area Known as Levi Creek
To: daaah007@gmail.com <daaah007@gmail.com>

Dear Anthony,

Please find the proposal attached.

Thanks,
Emily

From: Anthony Hibbert [<mailto:daaah007@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 8:18 PM
To: Council Default
Subject: ICOR-72019-1866 - 2.67.2.1 - Map for Area Known as Levi Creek

Good Evening,

With respect to the community consultation being undertaken regarding the revocation of community land at Levi Creek, advertised on Facebook:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=874469702916095&id=138188376544235&ref=notif¬if_t=feedback_reaction_generic

Please provide a map showing the area and location as per my request posted on your Facebook post.

Kind regards,
Anthony Hibbert.



Bistro Cheney, Katie Preston and 15 others

95 Comments 5 Shares



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Comment



Share

Peter Herriman

July 24 at 12:27 PM

Above photos of Levi Creek Water Reserve when it had water (pre drought) and before so much vanalism from 4 wheel drives and motorbikes



Levi Creek Water Reserve - No longer of use - "Council has no use for the land"

FREE

Eudunda, South Australia

How sad to see that one of our local water and nature reserves has become so neglected that Council are considering "throwing it away"

"Council has no use for the land" .

Only a few days left to comment to Regional Council of Goyder on what you think should happen with our local district's Levi Creek Water and Bush Reserve. You are unlikely to find the reserve looking like the photos, due to the drought and also the neglect and what can only be called vandalism and lawlessness that has occurred there. Could the area be saved? What can be done to convince the Council to keep this once lovely water reserve for remaining generations of our local people and tourists to enjoy



Its not like we have lots to of these areas to just 'throw away', in our area, Discussion should take longer than one advert and its all over and done. There was no consultation with our local community, so this is your only chance to respond.

Michelle Court Gaynor Saegenschnitter

Chantal Diener Ant Diener

Andrew Saegenschnitter Its nothing more than a area for wankers on motorbikes and 4x4s these days anyway. Just a accident waiting too happen with all the unreg and unlicensed riders including children riding up and down the road.

Peter Herriman G'day Andrew, I did indeed hesitate to post in the first place as I worried I might offend the poor land owners around the reserve. I can only imagine the disappointment you must have at what is happening there. it is terrible. idiots spoiling your backyard and little you can do.

My only hope is that if there is enough community sentiment in support of doing something, that something can be done to improve things. After all - there are other areas that have been solved with effort. Why not Levi Creek.

Certainly having the farmers around the area be part of the discussion is very important. You are on the ground and know what is happening and how they are getting around attempts to help the area. I hope we (community and council) can help you all.

It would seem though that just having the Council "relinquish" the land will not do anything to help the neighboring land owners. there has to be a positive strong approach.

Andrew Saegenschnitter yeah it just seems like the council want to wipe their hands of it and pass the problem onto someone else. Years ago it was a nice area with permanent water holes until council tried too clear reeds and bugged up the spring. This water could of been used in a fire emergency as there is no mains water for a long way around here. Also alot of people that use the reserve for recreation seem too find the need to bring dogs with them aswell. And with many



sheep and cattle in the area that is also a great concern. We happened too find evidence of a dog attack on a mob of sheep that had been near the reserve within the last fortnight.

Peter Herriman Andrew Saegenschnitter Thanks for the extra info, certainly many issues, and it will take quite an extensive plan and time to solve.

I seem to remember that the Eudunda Council first caused an issue bulldozing the spring to get more water for the road, I was always mad with them for doing that (back in early 80's). they should have known better.

Surprisingly the reserve springs survived - but it was probably that act, causing the place to look less natural which started the ball rolling.

Corey Launer Andrew Saegenschnitter who did you here that through load of shit
ESTABLISHED THAT COREY IS MISTAKEN ABOUT THESE NEXT FEW STATEMENTS (he was talking about Worlds End Gorge)

Corey Launer Andrew Saegenschnitter wasn't in the 80 mate happened in 6 years ago



Peter Herriman Corey Launer Hey there Corey - I mentioned that - it did happen back then too. Certainly not doubting it happened more recently though - you would certain be on to that one. thanks for heads up.

Corey Launer Peter Herriman our land runs off the creek I know it in side and out



Andrew Saegenschnitter Corey Launer where do u have land near Levi creek?

Corey Launer Andrew Saegenschnitter lol I thought everyone was talking about burra creek my bad

Peter Herriman Corey Launer LOL - Ok that makes sense. We are sort of using WEG as a comparison tool so it could get confused. At least it is sorted out now

Peter Herriman Corey Launer Actually it would be good to find out your views as a neighboring landowner of a nature reserve that 'seems' to be working ok as a reasonable tourist area for your memories of what it was like, right through to current highlights and issues.

I will contact you directly (next week) if ok would you mind PMing your phone number to me please.

Donna Ross Didn't even know it was there. Would be great if local council would put some effort in let us know what is in the district when moving into it. I have found it to be very lacking even if they put a pamphlet in with the council rates. Such a shame.

Peter Herriman Thanks for your thoughts Donna Ross Please stay in touch because the Southern Goyder area is in the process of developing new information (business directory etc) and perhaps some pages could be devoted to resources like parks, tours etc.

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Donna Ross Peter Herriman Thank you Peter I am fairly new to town only 4 years, but this area has been a part of my life since I was a baby many years spent at WEG and surrounding areas. I would love to be kept informed.

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Peter Herriman Donna Ross I am PMing you

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Trevor Green Robyn Bradbrook ??

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De Dalglish Peter Herriman I remember going to Worlds End Creek back when it was just like this! We went with you and your friends with the two lovely dogs....

It was overgrown, there was no specified parking area and it was stab and guess which fence you were allowed to climb over! Certainly no facilities! Definitely way more remote and less accessible than Levi Creek. They have done a wonderful job over there now it is time to do the same here. Maybe they could even get Mid Murray interested in helping? Eudunda is a large part of Goyder and it would be good to be considered before they chuck a wobbly like this at us!

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Peter Herriman Thanks Jae, yes I think Council has lost sight of what work they had to do to get Worlds End Gorge in its present state, it was a long journey. I think too they have lost sight of Levi Creek - because it is "out of sight".

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Jae Dalgleish Peter Schiller and **Debbie Hibbert** Perhaps you could gain us a little more time for discussion?

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Peter Herriman Yes please Councillors, please negotiate extra time and also a forum for community consultation which should indeed make sure that we include Mid Murray Council, Police and anyone else who might be able to put a positive spin on helping to keep the reserve.

It would be great if we could have a summary of expenses that council has put into the reserve over the live of the Council (RCOG) so we get a full picture.

and then just for good management and planning - the same for what Council has spent to get Worlds End Creek to where it is today (from time Council first formed)

That way you both, and all councillors and us community members have a full understanding of what might be needed to get the reserve to a similar level of care as Worlds End Gorge.

I would think that perhaps Councillors have already seen this sort of data presented to you at meeting in your attempt to work out what you have to do. But if not - then it should be something that should be undertaken.

Debbie Hibbert Peter, please write to Council requesting this. FYI Currently there are only submissions for the revocation. There are none against it.

Andrew Saegenschnitter Council found some file photos to by the looks

Sonia Neville **Andrew Saegenschnitter** your right it's trashed

Corey Launer **Sonia Neville** that's not burrs creek george that's deep creek (he is mistaken)

Debbie Hibbert **Jae Dalgleish** and **Peter Herriman**, Andrew has summed up the issues well with his pictures. Unfortunately Council doesn't have the resources to maintain the reserve and keep it safe. There are many people that abuse the place (shooting, dumping, hoon motorcyclist) making it unsafe for not only other visitors but neighbors to the land. Please write into Council to voice your opinion.

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Jae Dalgleish That was pretty much what Worlds End creek was like before it was cared for. I am quite happy to write to Council.

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Krystal Hyde **James Lewis**

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Corey Launer The council has fucked the creek when they cleaned all the reeds out and dug to deep into the water course (he is mistaken - believe he is talking about Worlds End Gorge)

N

Jamie Reese They found the resources for The worlds end gorge.

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Judy Ramsey What a shame its been ruined

Terry Jessen The other side of the creek which is fenced off and walkers only has some reminders of our historical aboriginal past, it contains, a small footprint and rock scrapings and even an area which looks like orange ochre, and I do use the place when I get my tours. Here is a coolamon tree.

Debbie Hibbert It's great these sites haven't been damaged.

Terry Jessen I did an aboriginal heritage identification course and ways on how to identify rock markings, human bones and small chipped tools. It is really fascinating and well I never mentioned it unless I did a tour for that reason don't want idiots damaging anything. I was going to see if I could get it protected.

Debbie Hibbert Have you been in contact with Quentin Aguis, Nagadjuri elder? He'll be the best person to speak to. I'm sure he will be more then happy to come with his team to confirm the finds. Never know, he may have knowledge of this site already.

Terry Jessen He is my mentor, I showed him my sites before even putting tours together and my teacher was Hayden Bromley. He does not know but Rebecca his niece has and her boyfriend who does aboriginal heritage also. i am still waiting for Quetin to come for burial plot of his great descendant.

Terry Jessen Small footprint fossilised in the rock surface

Photo on right

Terry Jessen The rock markings many many things when you actually take the time to look, it can be a great tourist attraction at times.

Photo on right

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Gaynor Saegenschnitter Yes I agree with **Andrew Saegenschnitter**, the area is an absolute disgrace, it is so barren & each weekend we have so many people down there lighting fires during fire bans, people doing wheelies, burnt out cars, people rocking up at homes at all hours of the day/night demanding to use machinery to pull them out from being bogged. We have had people shooting towards our house killing kangaroos. It is unsafe for locals traveling as there's kids on motorbikes/go karts all over the roads. The local people have had enough, there has been petitions to stop the 4wds/motorbikes and revegetate the area.

Judy Ramsey That would really peeve me off.
People just dont have any respect do they!

Terry Jessen Unfortunately i have had run ins with fools on their bikes, it is not good, but the other-side coming from the actual spring area that can be saved and new native shrubbery planted. Here are some rock scraping where the spear tools have been sharpened.

- **Photo on right**

Terry Jessen This is believed to be some thousands of years old and apparently fossilised tree, in the rock, there is so many mysterious things and I am sure the owner of the house down there gets sick of seeing my white commodore, sneaking down the side roads.

Peter Herriman Terry Jessen - Wow! thank you for joining in on the discussion, I knew of the significance of the area for early stock routes etc, and that there are great shell fossil deposits, but had not even considered the Aboriginal story and thier heritage and place of belonging (my bad). You actually have significant stories (and landmarks that should be guarded with great vigor. If the Levi Creek itself is so lawless the council & community needs to manage it so that it does not spill into the areas you have identified.

Terry Jessen I shouldn't say it but that is up near the Y junction, the other shallower creek run-off joins there you have to walk the edges of the creek to gain real access, but that I thought I had photo's of the actual OCHRE stone, which is elsewhere by the way as ochre is pretty sacred i keep that to myself.

• **Fay Argent** Do you have more photos?

Robyn Bradbrook It would be a real shame to loose an asset like this to our area. But they do need to stop it being trashed. Refence the area and revegetate it. If the council can't do it perhaps they could sponsor a local group to undertake the work

Miranda Pope

Photo on right

Bradley Scholz did you drive over that rock! ☹

Corey Launer **Miranda Pope** what a load off shit I know that creek **(Corey still thinking its WEG)**

Sharon Saegenschnitter Such a shame that this once beautiful place has been destroyed.

Unfortunately I think nothing will change until a tragedy occurs in the area. Despite SAPOL frequently attending the area nothing has changed. The amount of unregistered, unlicensed and children riding in the area with little respect for those actually trying to use the roads in a lawful manner is just asking for a fatality to occur .

Peter Herriman Thank you everyone for talking about the Levi Creek,

This too is what I have heard, not good for safety, but as said Worlds End Gorge (WEG) was similar years ago too. the immediate issue seems to be to try make it safe for the local residents. How can...[See More](#)

Adrian Menzel What justifies Council by making the statement "Council does not have the resources to manage the land"?

Who made that decision?

Peter Herriman yep! That's why I am asking if our Councillors can obtain and share figures about what has been spent at Levi Creek (and compare with Worlds End Gorge so we might have a better understanding of what has happened and how much might be needed.

Terry Jessen Can't spend their holiday money for the high end councillors they have to go overseas remember, whilst the real workers do all the hard yards.

Ant Diener F

Liam Sander F

Ant Jenke Sounds like the people using the area need some where safe to ride there motorbikes in a controlled manner hay [Ant Diener](#)

Ant Diener Called them yesterday to discuss some options, they were gonna call me back once again they have not . I'd really like to know what they actually do, and what their position is, other than threaten with bully tactics

Debbie Hibbert If anyone would like a copy of the Council report to read please email me and I'll forward it to you. crhibbert@goyder.sa.gov.au

Peter Herriman thank you - that would be great!

Kay Burgemeister How many hectares need to be looked after?

Peter Herriman that's a good question, it is a reasonable size.

Andrew Saegenschnitter its about 38-40 hectares a think

Peter Herriman [Andrew Saegenschnitter](#) thanks Andrew, it is a big area, most people only know really focus on the water pools near the roadside but it is much more.

Same as with Corey (for WEG) - it would be great to catch up to find out your and other land owners experiences there so we can get a full picture. (will try contact say mid next week, this one is crazy)

Kay Burgemeister Oh quite considerate then.

Kay Burgemeister That's considerable. Not considerate. Bloody spell check.

Kay Burgemeister Trees for life could probably help. Need to get a group together to replenish the land. Schools, scouts, any organisations all get together. All of us. Where exactly is this place.

Peter Herriman Right at the top is a photo of the Council advert with a description, but locality wise it is called "Frankton". It is right on the Regional Council of Goyder's boundary with Mid Murray Council and that is I suspect one of the issues we are facing, our council see no benefit tourism wise yet have to foot the bill to maintain it and the risk if things go wrong.

It is another thing to throw into the pot to consider.

Kay Burgemeister [Peter Herriman](#) yes complex situation. Nothing is easy.

Ant Diener Too far out for them, however still close enough to receive monies from people in the area

Kay Burgemeister I will help.

•**Peter Herriman** **Kay Burgemeister** Thanks you very much. There will need to be a lot more people putting thier hand up to say they will help. You doing so is a great start!!!

Sarah Jane Golder Interested!

Sarah Jane Golder Create a group like for the project gardens that helps maintain it... get it back to the community

Peter Herriman They have managed to do this in other areas such as Worlds End Gorge, where lovely people volunteered thier time to plant lots of native plants and grasses. Being so close to the Barossa could be a help in finding people to do this.

Adrian Menzel With all of the problems that **Ant Diener** had at his place with motorcycle coaching, I believe that the area would be ideal for that purpose. With the help of the Eudunda Ward Councillors, **Debbie Hibbert** and Peter Schiller, with the support of Councillor **John Neal** and others they could put in a submission to the Regional Council of Goyder for that purpose. By doing this it would be "killing 2 birds with 1 stone" with a safe place for motorcyclists to learn to ride and putting the area to good use.

Ant Diener Thanks Adrian however doing anything positive is in possible in this community with these narrowminded local hicks, they haven't even got the decency to talk to you face-to-face they can't tell the truth they are gutless and rather two-faced however that is just an observation of mine. No doubt I'm wrong I have been wrong before I probably will be wrong again

Gaynor Saegenschnitter I am sorry & I do not want to offend anyone, it's all fine & well wanting everyone to come along & save the reserve the vast area itself would be hard to maintain, local residents around Frankton area have been onto the council for years to do something to no avail. We do not need a flash in the pan solution that is unrealistic for people to maintain.

As for making an area safe for motorbike to ride. The local Frankton community have petitioned with over 100 signatures to stop the current issues with motorbikes & 4x4s, opening this area up is against what us people living next door & using them roads for agricultural purposes. Some of the people that are riding down there have no respect for the land, roads, local residents, they trespass on private property, shoot animals, very few are licensed & have road registration.

The Goyder Council are already saying they do not have the resources to maintain what is already there let alone open up a ride park. The local police have been informed of many near misses & are already called out here every weekend. If the council try to open up a "ride park" they will have a fight on their hands from the local Frankton Community.

Sharon Saegenschnitter **Andrew Saegenschnitter**

Ant Diener Lol

Adrian Menzel When I made comment about using the area for motorcycles, the intentions are to have the area fenced off securely, security cameras in place to prosecute any offenders who go through the fence and do all the things that are illegal etc and the riding done in a controlled manner with a caretaker on site while the riding is done only at certain times.

Further to this it would be good if Council could appoint a person to manage it with the view to "clean it up" and have it used the way it is supposed to be used.

Gaynor Saegenschnitter I have no issues with motorbikes or people riding them, as a member of a motorcycling event committee & a member of a local motorcycling club, that's not my problem at all. I just worry how it will be managed & controlled, I agree people need somewhere to ride, it will be a huge job for someone to control such a large area & to stop people doing the wrong thing, we have people rock up drunk at our home & people shooting towards our house killing kangaroos & other wildlife. I have personally had a near miss almost hitting a youth on an unregistered bike on my way home from work.

I just think the Goyder Council already don't want anything to do with the area, I am not sure the Goyder council will agree to & possibly pay for fencing, security cameras & having a caretaker to manage the area. As for prosecuting offenders, it's already happening down there & we are still in the exact same position. Unfortunately the people doing the wrong thing, sometimes wreck it for the people trying to do the right thing. Once again, just my opinion.

Kel Pfeiffer the insurance wouldn't be cheap either

•**Adrian Menzel** Gaynor Saegenschnitter I understand what you are saying, however look at it this way. The report states "Minister may offer the land for sale to an incorporated 'off road' motorcycle club for the club to 'formalise' the existing use of the land and then operate in a lawful and appropriate manner". I agree with you that the Goyder Council don't want anything to do with it so they go through the process of what they are proposing, so therefore it goes back as Crown Land and the owner becomes the SA Government and it really has not cost them anything. A Scenario: "To 'formalise' the existing use of the land and then operate in a lawful and appropriate manner" the "Frankton Motorcycle Club Incorporated" is formed and the SA Government donate the land to the Club and then it is up to the club to "operate in a lawful and appropriate manner". To do the things that are required, the club apply for grants, firstly fence the area and then increase Police presence for several months with the assistance of the local residents to stop all of the unlawful activities. Once this is done the club can continue to do their normal activities and develop it for their needs. Just as a point of interest, I have done a land valuation which is between \$50,000 to \$70,000 which the club would gain as an asset.

Peter Herriman Certainly the lawlessness seems the main concern, any club would be taking on a huge responsibility. Not sure how much the Council has actually done to request Police help, because it would seem that no matter if Council continue to manage the reserves or who takes it on, this seems to be the key problem. I certainly would not expect the Govt to be able to do any better. And in the mean time local farmers are the ones who are having trouble, - unfortunately - I find it difficult to see they will get better protection if the Council were to relinquish the reserves. At least the farmers can complain to the Council - try doing that to any Govt department (if you can even find someone to talk to - that will listen and not just refer you to another department). Council should take on the responsibility they currently have and make it work.

Debbie Hibbert For everyone commenting here, with the exception of the Seagenschnitter family, I've only received two requests for a copy of the Council report. It's important as a resident to be informed and not rely on hearsay or the opinions of others. I encourage you all to read it. That said, the land is only being revoked of its community Land classification to revert back to Crown land. It's not being deleted entirely. Although, the Crown can then do what it like with it, Council is seeking a land management group to take over its rehabilitation to keep it as a reserve. None have come forward as yet. Secondly, if this Reserve such as asset to the community, when was the last time you went to visit Levi Creek? Burra Creek was 'fixed up' because it was still used by locals.... And there wasn't action from a local community group to have it 'revoked'.

Debbie Hibbert Report can be found here...
Page 215. [://www.goyder.sa.gov.au/.../Agenda%2020.11.2018%20Reduced...](http://www.goyder.sa.gov.au/.../Agenda%2020.11.2018%20Reduced...)

Adrian Menzel I read every Council Agenda & Minutes and I have already read the report.

Peter Herriman I have a feeling much of the Worlds End Creek issues was before the Regional Council of Goyder was even around, so we would have to look to people from Burra Burra to learn what costs and effort might have been expended to rescue WEG from the same sort of time period (development) as Levi Creek Reserves are at the moment. Once the lawlessness has been controlled - then investing (with grants on land management) can be applied so that we might see Levi finally reach a status of WEG, and Council would be happy to have it as a community asset - like Worlds End Gorge and Redbanks CP.

Adrian Menzel The report states "Minister may offer the land for sale to an incorporated 'off road' motorcycle club for the club to 'formalise' the existing use of the land and then operate in a lawful and appropriate manner". That is the reason why I have stated as such in previous comments.

Jacqui Thorpe F

Toni Bentley Do you have more photos?

END of posts at 31/07/2019

Dear Councillors, CEO & Staff,

I am writing concerning your Advertisement for Revocation of Community Land, concerning Levi Creek Reserves.

I strongly disapprove of the land being revoked by Council, without full community consultation (the advertisement is NOT consultation but seems to be confrontational). I believe that doing so (as suggested) will not solve the problems that you see there at the moment.

So far I have seen no public community consultation process, and it is important that this does occur. For instance - I am a committee member on the Eudunda Community, Business and Tourism Committee (ECBAT) - elected by the local community and businesses to represent their interests, to Council, and yet this is the first we have heard about Council's plans to this extreme.

I am very disappointed that Council would go through such a process without first consulting with ECBAT as that is what our committee is for.

Never the less, I would like to know much more before any process of revocation occurs, such as how Council has actually attempted to solve the issues.

Much of the Agenda Item refereed to is negative, all working toward discarding the land, what positive steps have been taken to keep the reserves and improve them with better control such as Worlds End Gorge?

Main Problems Stated in minutes:

Over a long period of time, the use of the land has caused issue with adjoining land owners through the danger of motorcycles crossing roads; noise; degradation of vegetation and trespass and those issues have been raised with Council and the SA Police on numerous occasions.

Can you explain how this will be improved by revoking the land? Currently the land owners can at least complain to Council, who do take notice, they will have no hope if it is revoked. To me that is the Council actually reducing their responsibilities to these land owners.

In 2011 Council arranged for \$7,000 of fencing to be erected along Frankton Road as it crosses Levi Creek in an endeavour to reduce the hazard of motorcycles crossing the road at dangerous locations.

Was this enough? It seems that it did not work for long.

Worlds End Gorge was not solved with a quick fix, it took sustained effort and also support from other groups.



REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that Council is seeking to revoke the community land classification of the land managed by Council known as Levi Creek.

Sections 452 and 453, Hundred of Dutton contained in Crown Record Volume 5758 Folio 785 and Sections 454 and 455, Hundred of Dutton contained in Crown Record Volume 5758 Folio 786.

Council does not have the resources to manage the land to ensure all activity is undertaken thereon in a lawful, safe and environmentally appropriate manner. Council has no use for the land and is seeking to revoke the community land classification with the intention of handing the land back to the Crown.

Pursuant to Section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999* and Council's Community Consultation Policy, written submissions are invited on this matter.

Submissions are to be lodged before close of business Wednesday 31st July, 2019 addressed to Chief Executive Officer, Regional Council of Goyder, 1 Market Square, Burra SA 5417 or email council@goyder.sa.gov.au

David J. Stevenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Can Council show documented evidence of budget for Levi Creek Reserves and also a comparison with Worlds End Gorge (WEG), including early budgets of how much WEG cost to establish and how much it costs to maintain at it's current level.

Does Council have any figures on the financial benefits of WEG, for instance in Tourism (it is a busy drawcard). Could we have a tourism destination in our Southern end of of the Council area of similar quality as WEG, it has different characteristics but definite possibilities if the investment was made. This would increase our regions capacity to hold tourists, who cannot all cram into WEG. Good Campers enjoying Levi would be encouraged to visit further north for more camping. (ignoring the bad element that is currently at Levi).

Has Council attempted to work with Mid Murray Council, as it would appear that their nearby towns might benefit economically from Levi Creek Tourism?

A complaint from an adjoining landowner regarding the discharge of firearms on the land has escalated the level of risk that the use of the land presents and has prompted this Report to Council for action.

This can unfortunately happen anywhere, and of course should not happen. How does Council see that this can be prevented in Levi and in deed in any other location? Was the persons involved charged and prosecuted? How many actual attendances, charges laid, and prosecutions have been involving the Levi Creek Reserve?

I wonder how Council thinks that residents, neighbours will be better off by revoking the Levi Creek?

Suggestions of a Motorcycle Club taking over the land is interesting and should be looked at.

I do understand there are issues, and that Council are trying to do something, but currently there has not been enough public information and discussion for us to feel that the current suggestion by council is the right one for our community.

I hope Council will have real public meetings to get ideas of what is best.

Thank you for including my submission in your minutes.

**Yours sincerely
Peter Herriman
0429 811 958
peterh@websouth.com.au**

Sure thing Jae. Thank you for your submission.

Kind Regards,
Debbie Hibbert
Councillor
Regional Council of Goyder

From: jaejae27@activ8.net.au [jaejae27@activ8.net.au]
Sent: 02 August 2019 11:47 AM
To: Councillor Hibbert
Subject: Levi Creek

I'm having trouble with my new E-mail Grrr!

Here is my letter, could you please forward it to the right person for me?

Many thanks, Jae

Jae Dagleish,
'Madabareenah'
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To the Councillors.

My attention has recently been drawn to the fact that it is proposed to surrender the land known as the Levi Creek water catchment reserve.

I'm not sure if I am more distressed by the fact that the area is now so degraded that it should be considered or that you are, in fact, seriously considering it.

There are precious few spots around that can be considered recreation reserves, where the word 'sport' is not included. I came across the area by mischance some years ago when I was travelling with Graham McVitie. He was mapping out the trail of the Mid Murray Meander, until that day I was unaware that the area was there and loved it immediately. It was full of native plants animals and birds and we thought it would be a draw card on the 'Meander'.

To go back further in time; some forty years ago I went with friends to picnic and look at plants in the Burra Creek Gorge. It was remote, unmarked, messy and there was no indication of which fences could or could not be crossed. Apart from some spectacular rocky areas it had little 'tourist' appeal. Yet the old Burra Burra Council listened to its constituents and started to maintain the area and with help from the 'friends of' managed to turn the area into a tourist spot.

I sympathise with the neighbours who listen to the wretched bikes all night and have to put up with intruders but I am sure that should council take a more active roll in promoting the area the constabulary would be more stringent with their presence? A few prosecutions would spread the word and the rogues would move elsewhere. The area needs preserving and the community needs to know it is there for them.

I have at no time read anything in any promotion to say the area is there and I would almost guarantee anyone that moved into the town is unaware of its existence. I know this goes back to the

'old' Eudunda Council (sorry guys) but they really didn't seem to care for too much even in the town itself.

In writing this I am asking that you defer any decisions until the rest of the town can be consulted. Maybe we could start a friends of' group to help on a regular basis? A lot of the younger people might like somewhere close to go if they knew it was there? A lot of the older generation might be interested just because they remember going there for a kiss and a cuddle (apparently it was a good spot for that back then!)

There might even be an opportunity to approach the Mid Murray Council, though just outside their area they are so very tourist orientated it might appeal to them. This small reserve is nowhere near as remote as people are making out, it is accessible and could be a delightful spot with little effort. It is only remote because it is so far from the Goyder Council office! It is, in fact, no further from Eudunda than Burra creek Gorge from Burra.

Just as a footnote; When I saw all the correspondence regarding this it is no wonder I missed the main intent. Obviously in glancing at minutes I have failed to grasp that sections 452, 453 etc Hundred of Dutton known as Frankton actually referred to the Levi Creek water catchment area. My own fault I know but I would like to rectify that by helping promote an alternative use for the land. I am sure the present neighbours are no happier for an official motor bike club than the present shemozzle!

Yours sincerely, Jae

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