



**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ATTACHMENTS
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Mr Peter Stuart

Executive Manager development services

Shire of Chittering

Dear Peter,

Thank you for the meeting with yourself and Jake regarding a pathway to gain access to land for the purpose of creating a water treatment and water storage facility now that after number of years the EPA and DWER have agreed to grant approvals to take confined aquifer water from the Shire authorised constructed bore 'CVI Marbling'.

Of the options discussed my current preferred option is the creation of a small freehold titled Lot of some 50M x 40M identified on the attached plan.

As Councillors would be aware, I have and continue to work cooperatively with the Shire, currently providing access to my property, free of cost, for the Shire to progress replacement of bridges 4026 and 4027.

For your consideration is a draft proposal for presentation to the Council. It has been suggested that a meeting with Council be held prior to an agenda item being listed to provide Council with the opportunity to gain a full understanding of the scope and nature of the proposal. I would look forward to a meeting if it could be arranged.

DRAFT PROPOSAL

Re: request for Council approval for the commencement of the administrative processes and procedures necessary for the creation of a small freehold title Lot on Lot 8017 on Plan 400412 – Vol/folio LR3165/68, Muchea East Road, Lower Chittering (Lower Chittering sport and recreation site) and a portion of the adjoining reserve Lot under the care, control and management of the Shire.

Applicant: Clinton O'Neil

Proposal

It would be the applicant's intention to install a small drinking water treatment plant and water storage facility on the proposed site to treat raw water taken from the confined aquifer in the locality, making available drinking water supplies to service the immediate regional locality, currently sourcing drinking water from Bullsbrook by road transport.

The creation of the freehold title Lot and installation of the drinking water works would go some way to completing the applicant's water supply project commenced a number of years ago, being consistent with Council consideration of resolution 030921, the Council President's response to a question on notice (April 2021) recorded in the Council minutes, and other relevant regulatory approvals.

Justification

It is likely that climate change will have negative consequential impacts on household reliance on rainfall capture and storage to support their domestic household water needs due to the reduction and regularity of rainfall in the regional locality.

Due to the increasing demand on drinking water supplies to the expanding residential area of Bullsbrook and the Government decision to reduce Water Corporation's allocation from the Gngangara mound due to climate change impacts, sourcing drinking water from

Bullsbrook to support household demand in Lower Chittering and surrounds may be problematic in the near and longer term.

The creation of a drinking water facility at the site would also de-constrain potential development opportunities for Lot 8017, Muchea East Road, previously considered by Council at its September 2022 meeting, item CEO06 – 09/22.

The requested area of land shown on the attached sketch plan of some 50 metres by 40 metres, with a 5 metre wide right of way easement access to Muchea East Road, would be compatible with consolidation of existing infrastructure in the immediate surrounds and likely to cause minimal, if any, adverse impacts.

It is the applicant's understanding that in recent times the Shire has successfully undertaken the administrative processes and procedures necessary to separate a freehold title Lot away from Lot 8017, Muchea East Road, Lower Chittering.

I trust the above provides sufficient information to support an agenda item for Council consideration.

Yours sincerely

Clinton O'Neil