



Update Newsletter 18th April 2024

Hi admin\_504,

Welcome to the latest update.

As I write I am sitting in beautiful Glen Innes with a New England thunderstorm rattling overhead. Nice hearing the rain on the tin roof. And not a cattle yard in sight.

We do however get the cattle trucks coming and going to Grafton. You don't have to see them to know it's a cattle truck; the smell hangs around for ten minutes.

Now that submissions are in, things may have seemed to be a bit quiet. However <u>Action 504</u> is still ticking along. Information has been received from Council on the timeline for progressing DA 504.

**Update on Council Deliberations:** Council staff are still reviewing the DA and the submissions, they have not completed this yet. Several matters have have been raised during the submission process and Council will ask AAS for information on those. We are hoping they are matters of substance, like real details on stormwater planning, noise impact, disease mitigation, health and safety and even RE-2 zoning limitations. AAS were not fast in supplying replies to the last request for information (RFI) so we feel this will drag on a bit longer yet. Council will not make a decision on the DA until they have a chance to see how the AAS reply. This means that the DA won't go to a Council meeting before the May meeting which is 23rd May.

Council is still scheduled to have a mediation session with AAS on the 30th April. This will not be

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a discussion of the DA but only relates to the Council order to remove the yards. This meeting is a private meeting between Council staff and AAS. Councillors and public are not able to attend.

As soon as we hear that the DA is going to a Council meeting we will ask everyone to write/email all the Councilors stating the case for refusal of the DA. We feel this is best left until the issue is on the Council agenda.

**Spreading the word:** As things are a little quieter we are realising that Action 504 messaging could slip below the surface. We want the issue to stay front-of-mind and there are a lot of local folk who are not aware there is a problem with the AAS proposal. We would ask that folks get actively involved in sharing with neighbours and friends. Please reply to this email with any ideas on how we can spread the message more effectively.

**Funding:** We are still around \$2,000 in deficient (i.e. overspent) taking into account our outgoings on the town planner's report etc. to date. We originally budgetted for \$10,000 and it is likely we will need those funds as the process grinds on. Some have been incredibly generous, and we would ask those who haven't contributed so far to consider <u>making a donation</u> so the burden isn't on just a few. The P&L for expenses to date can be viewed <u>here</u>.

If anyone would prefer to make a direct deposit you can use the following bank details. Please make sure you put your name on the deposit so we can thank you.

Account Name Robyn Hannah BSB 082522 Account 853804588

On behalf of <u>Action 504</u> I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time and interest to be involved.

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