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**MM7/21 NEW RYDE FIRE STATION - COXS ROAD NORTH RYDE -  
Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale****File Number: MYR/07/10/20 - BP21/726**

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I have been contacted by local residents regarding a proposal to build a new fire station in Coxs Road North Ryde.

By letter dated 9 July 2021, local residents were advised by the Public Works section of the NSW Government, that Fire and Rescue NSW proposes to construct a new fire station at 120 Coxs Road North Ryde to replace the existing station at 216 Blaxland Road which no longer meets the needs of a modern fire service.

It is stated that the new station would be better located to serve the industrial and commercial growth in Macquarie Park and improve response times due to a more modern station layout and design amongst other things.

The letter further notes that the development consent from Council is not required and that under the SEPP, Council and occupiers of adjoining land have 21 days from the date of notification (9 July) to provide comments on the proposal.

On 20 July 2021, a poorly notified zoom meeting was held with residents at which it was suggested that the construction has been approved and is due for completion by mid 2022.

Nearby residents are understandably distressed at the lack of consultation regarding the proposal and have asked for Council assistance in having the matter deferred, pending more community consultation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council write to the NSW Government – Public Works Advisory and

- (a) seek an extension on the consultation conducted due to the pandemic.
- (b) seek a new zoom meeting and Q and A session to provide another opportunity for people who didn't know about the last one to attend.
- (c) seek provision of the list of alternative sites within the City of Ryde that were considered by the NSW Government prior to this site being selected.
- (d) seek provision of the list of reasons or selection matrix as to why the site in Coxs Road was selected.

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:



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Mayor**

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Council, submitted on 27 July 2021.