

9th December 1999

Manager Corporate Performance
Toowoomba City Council
PO Box 3021
TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350.

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Draft Corporate Plan 2000 – 2003

Thankyou for forwarding a copy of the draft Corporate Plan for Toowoomba City Council 2000 – 2003 for review by the Condamine Catchment Management Association Inc. The draft plan is quite comprehensive however, the Condamine Catchment Management Association would like to submit the following comments for Council's consideration.

Assessment of Local and Regional Issues

Council may wish to express their commitment to ensuring that all future infrastructure initiatives will consider the elements of long-term sustainable environmental management. The positive comments already included re: the preparation of a 'total management plan for the stormwater system' . . . 'Catchment management plans have been developed . . .' could be strengthened by such a statement.

Council may also wish to emphasise their location within the Murray-Darling Basin, specifically the Condamine Catchment. A statement could be included about the acknowledgement by Council of the fact that they are aware that as a major city, there is potential to impact the Condamine Catchment and that every endeavour will be undertaken to ensure that that impact is minimised.

Objectives and Key Strategies

3. Environmental Management

A statement could be included relating to the commitment by Council to not only develop and enhance the City's waterways and catchments but to ensure that the ecological integrity of the 'natural' systems within the city area is maintained and/or enhanced. This would apply to both the waterways and the escarpment.

5. Integrated Strategic Planning

Point 4 could also support the *active contribution* by Toowoomba City Council to other existing regional planning processes eg EDROC, Condamine Catchment Strategic Plan etc.

Yours sincerely,

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