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Date of submission: Monday, 7 March 2022

Your submission for this review:

I opposed the proposed rates levy being extended for the next 7 yrs across the Central Coast. I don't believe that a flat increase across it's revenue base will lead to the cultural changes and efficiencies required to make this Council a financially viable organisation. In my view, cultural change is require. My comments are supported by specifics in relation to development application matters, but suggest equally apply across many sectors of the organisation. I have attached some screenshots from the Regional Planning Panel Dashboard, which highlighted the Central Coast Council within the 5 slowest performing Councils, taking 918 days on average to approve larger DA's. I have also attached a snapshot of the current Court lists for the next 3 weeks. Central Coast Council has 28 appearances across the various jurisdictions of the Court. 15 of these are in the Land & Environment Court. To reduce DA assessment times, the answer is not to reject or refuse a proposal, as this will likely only increase Court appearances - a sector where Council is already well represented. Whilst Council's glossy marketing suggests Council is doing a fantastic job, the reality is supported the the facts above and attached. I have also attached an extract from Council's 2020-21 Annual report, specifically on legal expenses and note Council spent just over \$1M. I query whether this expense accurately reflects the true cost to Council for legals, and accounts for multiple staff hours incurred with every legal case, or whether the \$1M is just for Lawyers & Barristers. I suspect it is the latter. Many DA proponents would be happy to present their 'war stories' when dealing with Central Coast Council. Many developers will avoid the Coast whenever possible - knowing how difficult it is to receive approval. Cultural change is required to make the Development Section of Council more efficient and enabling. I do acknowledge that there are many good staff in Council working under

Your comments on Criterion 1:

Your comments on Criterion 2:

Your comments on Criterion 3:

Your comments on Criterion 4:

Your comments on Criterion 5:

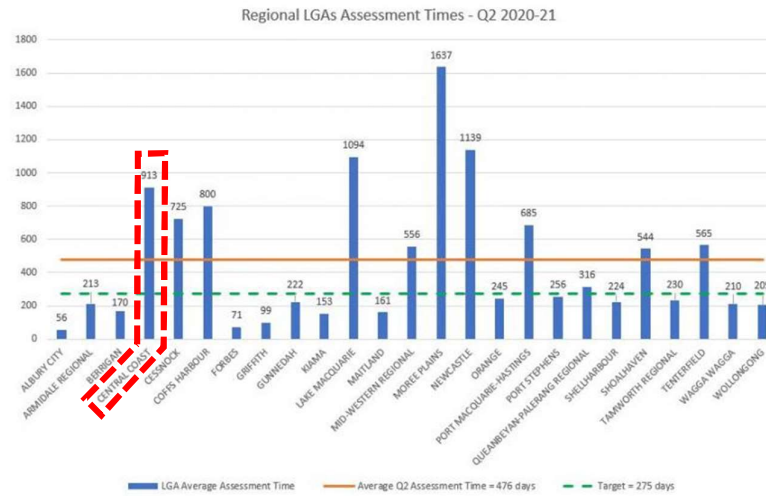
Screenshots from

Regional Planning Panels Quarterly Dashboard Report Quarter Two 2020 / 2021

[Regional Planning Panels Quarterly Dashboard Report | Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/planning-portal)

Regional Planning Panels council assessment time*

*The council assessment time is the time taken in days from the lodgement date of a matter until the date that council supplies the panel with the assessment report.



Regional Planning Panels assessment times - five slowest councils





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Search criteria: Keyword = **Central Coast Council** | Date = **Next 3 weeks** | Jurisdiction = **Civil** | Court = **Supreme Court, Land and Environment Court, NCAT Appeal Panel, NCAT Administrative and Equal Opportunity Division, NCAT Occupational Division, District Court**

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Date	Time	Case no.	Case name	Jurisdiction	Court	Listing type	Presiding officer	Location	Court room	List no.
07 Mar	11:00 am	2021/00307656	Terry Ann Duncan v Central Coast Council	Civil	District Court	Return of Subpoena	Assistant Registrar M O'Connell	Sydney	John Maddison Tower Crt 4A Lvl 4 JMT	-
10 Mar	9:00 am	2021/00265127	Robert Reeve v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Notice of Motion List (Registrar)	Registrar S Froh	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Land and Environment Court, Sydney Court 3B	-
10 Mar	9:00 am	2021/00341944	Gary Murphy v Dicko Persson	Civil	District Court	Directions (Defamation)	Judge J Gibson	Sydney	John Maddison Tower Crt 13D Lvl 13 JMT	-
10 Mar	9:30 am	2021/00238481	Jan Christine Mcfadyen v Central Coast Council	Civil	District Court	Status Conference	Unassigned	Parramatta	Unassigned	-
14 Mar	12:00 pm	2021/00190026	Zenith Tuggerah Pty Limited v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Online court - Request required	Registrar S Froh	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Land and Environment Court, Sydney Court 3B	-
14 Mar	4:30 pm	2019/00203552	Central Coast Council v ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY	Civil	LEC	Judgment - By Telephone	Justice R Pepper	Land and Environment Court Sydney	Land and Environment Court, Sydney Court 11A	-
14 Mar	4:30 pm	2019/00101279	Verde Terra Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Judgment - By Telephone	Justice R Pepper	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Land and Environment Court, Sydney Court 11A	-
15 Mar	9:00 am	2021/00355815	Richard Huntington bhnf Kirsty Ann Huntington v Central Coast Council	Civil	District Court	Return of Subpoena	Assistant Registrar M Fukuda-Oddie	Sydney	John Maddison Tower Crt 4A Lvl 4 JMT	-

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15 Mar	9:30 am	2021/00338910	Annabel Lees Fitton v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Onsite View	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Starts Onsite	Unassigned	-
15 Mar	1:00 pm	2021/00338910	Annabel Lees Fitton v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	s34AA Conciliation and Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Unassigned	-
16 Mar	10:00 am	2021/00338910	Annabel Lees Fitton v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	s34AA Conciliation and Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
17 Mar	9:30 am	2021/00186077	Waide Devine v Central Coast Council	Civil	District Court	Status Conference	Unassigned	Parramatta	Unassigned	-
18 Mar	9:30 am	2021/00153128	Centura Global Holdings Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council (in Administration)	Civil	Supreme Court	Hearing (Registrar)	Registrar L Walton	Supreme Court Sydney Online Court	Law Courts Building Court 10B Queens Square Sydney	-
18 Mar	12:00 pm	2021/00245479	Matthew Arthur Harrison trading as All Town Skips v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Online court - Request required	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Unassigned	-
21 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00300135	Blair Munford v Central Coast Council	Civil	Supreme Court	Hearing (Common Law)	Unassigned	Supreme Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
21 Mar	10:30 am	2021/00300355	CKDS Architecture Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Registrar Telephone Directions Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Land and Environment Court, Sydney Court 3B	-
21 Mar	11:15 am	2022/00044809	KHMS CORPORATION PTY LTD v CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL	Civil	LEC	Registrar Telephone Directions Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Land and Environment Court, Sydney Court 3B	-
22 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00339406	Pastoral Investment Land & Loan Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Part Heard Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Unassigned	-
22 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00300135	Blair Munford v Central Coast Council	Civil	Supreme Court	Hearing (Common Law)	Unassigned	Supreme Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
23 Mar	9:00 am	2021/00355815	Richard Huntington bhnf Kirsty Ann Huntington v Central Coast Council	Civil	District Court	Return of Subpoena	Assistant Registrar M O'Connell	Sydney	John Maddison Tower Crt 4A Lvl 4 JMT	-
23 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00339406	Pastoral Investment Land & Loan Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
23 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00300135	Blair Munford v Central Coast Council	Civil	Supreme Court	Hearing (Common Law)	Unassigned	Supreme Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
23 Mar	12:00 pm	2021/00358368	OM VINAYAK PTY LTD v CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL	Civil	LEC	Online court - Request required	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Unassigned	-
24 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00339406	Pastoral Investment Land & Loan Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council	Civil	LEC	Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
24 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00300135	Blair Munford v Central Coast Council	Civil	Supreme Court	Hearing (Common Law)	Unassigned	Supreme Court Sydney	Unassigned	-
25 Mar	9:15 am	2022/00035494	Anthony James Denny v Optus Mobile Pty Ltd	Civil	LEC	Class 4 Directions Hearing	Unassigned	Land and Environment Court Sydney Online Court	Unassigned	-
25 Mar	10:00 am	2018/00300135	Blair Munford v Central Coast Council	Civil	Supreme Court	Hearing (Common Law)	Unassigned	Supreme Court Sydney	Unassigned	-

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Legal Proceeding Information

Legal Proceeding Expenses	
Expenditure	\$1,125,287
Less Costs Recovered	\$34,188
Total	\$1,091,099

Finalised Matters	Result
Land and Environment Court of NSW	
Bhandari	Orders under s678 of the Local Government Act 1993
Environment Protection Authority	Consent Orders
Aquamore Credit Equity Pty Ltd	Orders under s.34 of the Land and Environment Court Act
Domenico Biasi	Discontinued
GV Nominee No 1 Pty Ltd	Orders under s.34 of the Land and Environment Court Act
Thomas Wolfram Luedecke	Discontinued
The Entrance Plaza Pty Ltd	Discontinued
40 Gindurra Road Somersby Pty Ltd and Ors	Dismissed - in favour of Council
Anthony Denny	Orders under s.34 of the Land and Environment Court Act
Apex Intelligent Design	Discontinued
Sandro Sardi	Orders under s.34 of the Land and Environment Court Act
Stevens Holdings Pty Limited	Orders under s.34 of the Land and Environment Court Act
Top 8 Pty Ltd	Discontinued
George and Fotios Tselis	Discontinued
Albany Investments Aust Pty Ltd	Discontinued
Michelle Thomas	Consent orders
Bruce Kerr	Judgment
Joseph Rzepecki and Leokadia Rzepecki	Judgment
Andrew Damerau and Quanhong Sun trading as Lucy	Dismissed
Andrew Donnelly	Orders under s.34 of the Land and Environment Court Act
Denis Fitzgerald	Judgment
Rupert Chung-Ching Ouyang	Discontinued
Anthony Carantinos	Judgment
Warnervale Employment Zone Pty Ltd and Anor	Dismissed
Heath Bonnefin	Judgment

Finalised Matters	Result
District Court of NSW	
Landis	Appeal Upheld
Supreme Court of NSW	
Central Coast Group Training Limited	Discontinued
Norcross Pictorial Calendars Pty Ltd and PTL Land Pty Ltd	Judgment
Local Court of NSW	
Various criminal prosecutions	Control orders (1)
	Conviction with penalty (7)
	Discontinued (1)
	Dismissed (4)
	Section 10 dismissal no conviction (17)
	Section 10A conviction no other penalty (8)
	Section 196 Convicted in Absence (16)
	Section 9 Conditional Release Order (1)
	Withdrawn (8)
Ongoing Matters	
Pastoral Investment Land and Loan Pty Ltd (Class 1)	Land and Environment Court
Anthony Carantinos	Land and Environment Court
422 Pacific Hwy Wyong Pty Ltd and Ors (Class 4)	Land and Environment Court
Verde Terra Pty Ltd (Class 1) (2)	Land and Environment Court
40 Gindurra Road Somersby Pty Ltd	Land and Environment Court
Zenith Tuggerah Pty Limited	Land and Environment Court
Colin Wallace	Land and Environment Court
Charlie Zeaiter	Land and Environment Court
Pinchgut Pty Ltd	Land and Environment Court
IDA Safe Constructions Pty Ltd	Land and Environment Court
Verde Terra	Land and Environment Court
EIO	NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal