

12.2 Alexandrina Drive, Clayton - Street Lights

File Ref:	9.24.1
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Budget Allocation:	\$179,000
Budget Spent to Date:	\$173,720
Chart of Account:	6010 Street Lighting
Job Number:	60151
ESD Impact/Benefit:-	
* Environmental:	Minor visual impact from light spillage to the night sky.
* Social:	Benefits pedestrians and traffic safety.
* Economic:	Operating cost to Council of \$57.70 per light pa.

REPORT

Council considered and supported the request from the Clayton Community to not activate street lights within the new subdivision while there were no dwellings there and to reconsider the situation later when the area is populated and to consult the community again at that time. At the time of the report there were five (5) lights activated in Alexandrina Drive, the main road through Clayton, at the eastern end, and these were not switched off but remained lit on my direction. Members of the Clayton community are still wanting these lights to be switched off. There are other street lights in Alexandrina Drive that have been activated for some time.

It cannot be recommended to Council to switch these lights off for the following reasons:

- Council's "Street Lighting" Policy states that "Removal – No lights to be removed." (Refer Attachment 12.2). I believe that Council exposes its liability even further if it switches off existing street lights that have been operating.
- Legal advice (in this case from the Western Australian Coroner) is a strong recommendation that "all local government bodies ensure that new roads constructed are adequately illuminated and that the illumination is at least in excess of the Australian / New Zealand Standards."
- Alexandrina Drive is a main road and has a main junction with Grandview Road and street lighting should be in place here.
- Alexandrina Drive is an existing built up area with dwellings on the southern side of the road. The street lights are on the northern side of the road. No existing dwelling is closer than approximately 27 metres to a street light so cannot be considered to be excessively intrusive.

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- The Council workshop prior to the Council meeting will be based on the “Lighting the Way” document, a Local Government Guide to Energy Efficient Public Lighting on Minor Roads. This workshop will address policy and liability issues and may lead to a revised policy.

REFER ATTACHMENT 12.2 (Page 016)

RECOMMENDATION

That the five (5) existing street lights in Alexandrina Drive remain activitiated.