

6. Lake Street / Lake Street North, Eden

Residents of Lake Street North have requested a name change with the aim of reducing confusion.

Group Manager, Infrastructure

BACKGROUND

10 In August 2006 Council adopted the name Lake Street North for a street between Barclay Street and Bungo Street in Eden. The Council report on which this decision was based is attached. Between Bungo Street and Mitchell Street the name Lake Street was retained. The intention was to distinguish the section of road north of Bungo Street from that to the south for road numbering purposes. The proposal was consulted with the community prior to adoption and this included input from the Eden Area Committee.

A letter has been received from the residents of Lake Street North requesting a change to their street name so that the full length of the road is known as Lake Street. The similar names have caused confusion and an ambulance called to one of the resident's houses subsequent to the letter being sent to Council arrived at Lake Street and not Lake Street North. The residents' letter is attached.

20 As shown on the separate attached plan the street numbers in Lake Street run from Bungo Street to Mitchell Street. If Lake Street were the adopted name from Barclay Street to Mitchell Street then normally the numbers would be changed on all houses in the street. This would involve a short term upheaval for the residents as their new addresses were provided to agencies, friends and others.

Currently there are two houses in Lake Street North with numbers. They are on the western side. At present there are no premises numbered on the eastern side of Lake Street North but there are proposals for subdivision. If Lake Street were adopted from Barclay Street then it could be possible to number premises 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 2A, 2B, 2C, etc to limit the impact on the existing residents in Lake Street. This is an alternative to a full renumbering but is not recommended.

30 A second option is to rename Lake Street North a different name as suggested in two submissions to the 206 consultation process.

An additional factor is the link with Barclay Street. In 2006 there was no constructed road from Barclay Street through to Dolphin Crescent. As part of subdivision works this section of Lake Street North is being constructed by the developer and it is expected that it will shortly be accepted by Council. This will provide an improved access to Lake Street North and is also an opportunity to improve signage.

ISSUES

Legal

Council is able to name roads and it is open to Council to change the names of roads after consultation with the community.

40 Asset

There will be some impact on signage whether Council ultimately changes names or maintains the status quo.

Social / Cultural

The existing situation is unusual but any change would mean different numbers which could lead to confusion similar to that which the residents who have requested the change are seeking to avoid. A change would also mean significant effort from Council, the residents and other parties in arranging notifications of the new numbers.

Consultation

50 Any proposal to change a street name would be advertised and in this case it is proposed that all residents of Lake Street and Lake Street North would also be notified directly if a change were proposed.

Financial

The adopted budget would be used for signage etc as required.

Resources (including staff)

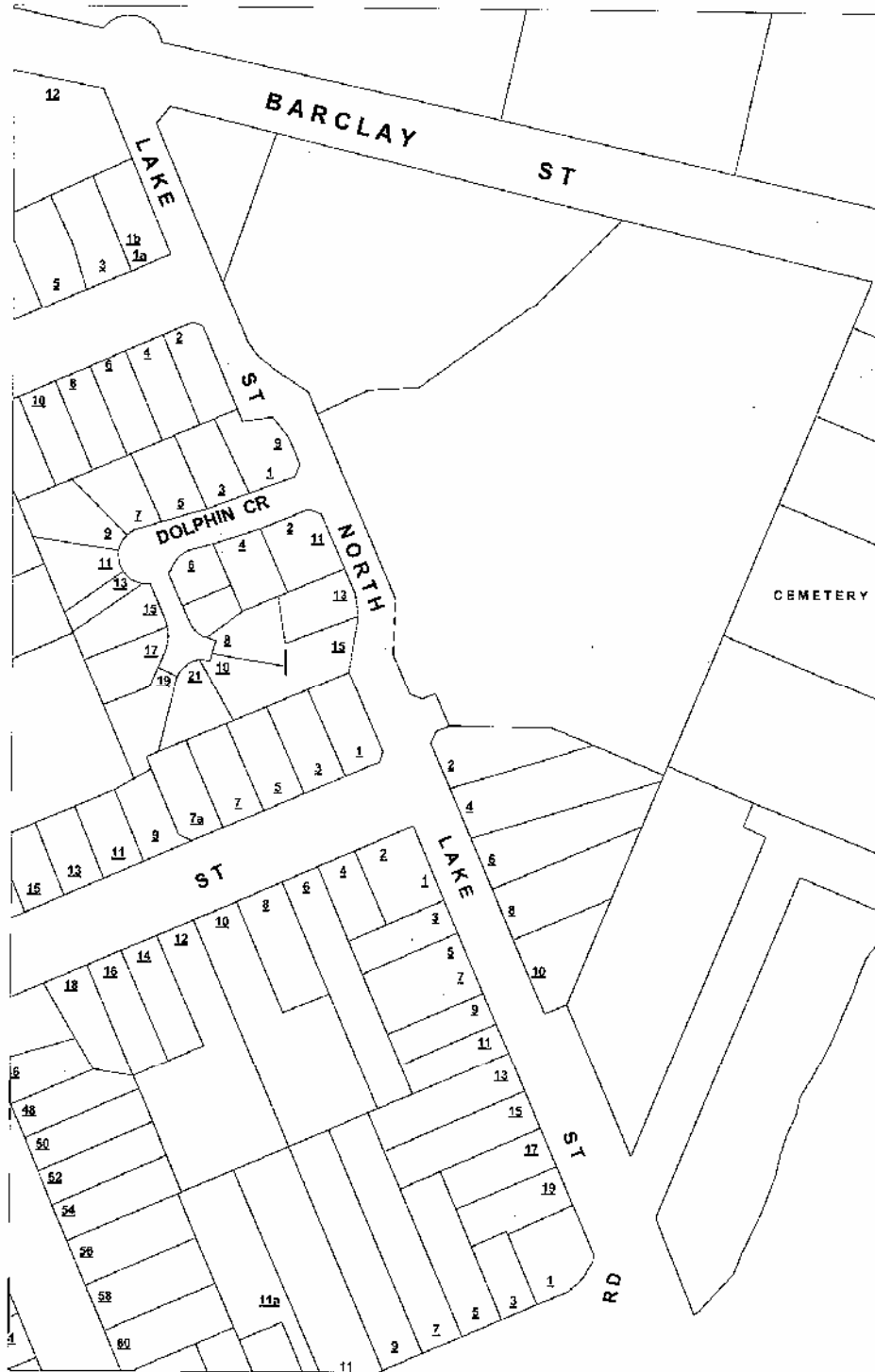
Staff resources would be required for any consultation process and for arranging any changes to signage and advice to the various agencies and the residents of any change. If the recommendation were adopted there would be some resources required for arranging signage.

CONCLUSION

60 There is no straightforward solution to the issue raised by the resident of Lake Street North. It is considered that the least impact on residents overall would be achieved by leaving the street names as they are and improving signage to make the locations of the two streets as clear as possible. If Council wishes to propose a name change then a consultation process would be required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the current names for Lake Street North and Lake Street in Eden be retained and the street signage be upgraded to emphasise the sections of the street with those names.



10 February 2009

27/8/2008

The Manager
Bega Valley Shire
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Bega NSW 2550

Dear Sir/Madam,

As new residents of Lake St North, Eden, we are writing to make you aware of the confusion relating to the name of our street.

Lake St North is effectively an extension of Lake St, starting at the junction of Bungo St/ Lake St and running through to Barclay St.

We have experienced problems due to our street name when requesting a telephone connection, a gas connection, change of address on the electoral role, mail delivered incorrectly, even BVSC had our address listed as North Lake St for rating purposes. Anything to do with house deliveries, mail deliveries, proof of identity, tradesman repairs etc, creates confusion.

Some examples of the variations to our street name that people mistakenly apply are,
North Lake St,Eden
Lake St,Eden
Lake St, North Eden

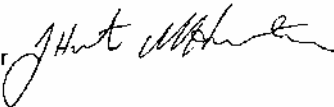
These changes may appear subtle but dish up much more confusion and frustration.

We believe that a solution could be to delete the word "North" and use our lot numbers as our house numbers or alternatively change the street name completely.

Currently we are the only two families that live in Lake St North and feel that a name change would prevent further problems for ourselves, and others that decide to build a house in our street.

Looking forward to a satisfactory outcome.

Yours faithfully,

Garry & Melissa Hunter  13, Lake St North, Eden

Brad & Zoe Conomy  15, Lake St North, Eden

5. Lake Street, Eden: Proposed renaming of part

This report seeks the approval of Council to rename the extension of Lake Street as 'Lake Street North'.

Manager, Corporate Services

BACKGROUND

As a result of developments in the Asling Beach area the extension of Lake Street is to be constructed between Curalo and Bungo Streets and will need to be renamed. This section of road joins directly onto the existing Lake Street which already has permanent residents with house numbers. If the new section of road was to continue as Lake Street then the whole street would need to be renumbered. The sounder approach is to rename the new section of road 'Lake Street North'.

DISCUSSION

The proposal has been advertised and as previously reported, notified to the Eden Area Committee. The Area Committee supported the proposed name of Lake Street North.

There have been two other submissions. One resident suggested a completely new name because of the confusion already experienced with deliveries going to Lakeside Drive instead of Lake Street. They suggested High Street or Surf Parade. If a courier located Lake Street, it would be likely that they would assume Lake Street North as the extension of Lake Street. The other suggestion was to rename the street in line with the new development as either Dolphin Street or Surf Street. Dolphin Crescent and Dolphin Court already exist in Eden and such a name may cause confusion. Surf Street may be the only option from those suggested as there is no other of that name in Eden.

However, Lake Street North for its proximity to Lake Street appears to be the best option.

A map of the area is attached.

CONCLUSION

Council's Policy No. 9 (V) indicates, 'where new roads are created as an obvious extension of an existing road, the new road shall have the same name as the existing road. Lake Street North is an attempt to keep in line with the policy as it adjoins Lake Street. The proposal removes the need to reallocate house numbers for the entire length of street and subsequently avoids the disturbance and costs that such a decision would bring to the existing residents of the street.

The proposal for Lake Street North is generally in line with Council's Policy and provides certainty into the future in the important area of numbering all properties in the Shire.

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8 August 2006

IMPACT ON THE OPERATIONAL PLAN

There is no impact on the operational plan and the cost of erection of signage is covered by existing budgets.

IMPACT ON COUNCIL POLICY/PROCEDURES

40 This proposal is generally in line with the objectives of Policy No. 9 (V).

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council name the newly constructed road extending between Curalo and Bungo Streets be named Lake Street North and that the people who made submissions to the proposal be advised of the decision.
2. That the Government authorities and services be notified accordingly.

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