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Newsletter

RURAL LAND STUDY

As you are aware Don Fox Planning has carried out comprehensive studies on all phases of the Rural Land Study, however no matter how intensive the work has been completed Government Departments have requested other added matters to be complied with.

In some cases, such as an investigation of the water ways which would have cost in excess of \$30,000.00 and then no guarantee of approval.

Flora and Fauna Study of each individual block of land to be carried out. At what cost? Again no guarantee of approval.

Having completed The Rural Land Study which has been read by several Town Planning Consultants, who have stated that in normal events would have been recommended for approval, Don Fox considered that he had exhausted all standard requirements and could see no end to the additional studies being requested and has had to retire from this study.

Further enquiries have been made and two consultants namely Dennis Gelle and Neville Smerdon have been co-opted into considering carrying on with this matter and are estimating costs.

Dennis Gelle stated that he would make enquiries at Council and Government Departments and advise the Committee the possibilities of a conclusion of this Study.

At this stage Council have advised Dennis that until REP 20 had been legislated, which will define all requirements for subdivision, no action or advice will be given by Council.

As soon as estimated costs have been received and complete guidelines are presented, a further newsletter will be forwarded.

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