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Wauchope CBD Masterplan Exhibition Extended
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Mayor Councillor Rob Drew has extended the public submission period for the Wauchope CBD Masterplan to 4pm on Friday 4 February.

"I understand there are elements of the draft Masterplan that are of concern to some people and who have sought extra time to prepare submissions," explained the Mayor. "I think this extension will ensure everyone has sufficient opportunity to comment."

The original four week exhibition period was increased to six weeks at the Mayor's request following the second public consultation meeting and then to nine weeks, taking into account the impact of the Christmas period.

"This extension will provide people with more than double the standard time to make comments," said the Mayor. "I look forward to constructive suggestions about alternatives."

"I understand several people were critical of the process undertaken and the lack of community consultation to date. A comprehensive process has been undertaken –involving an initial meeting with the Executive of the Chamber of Commerce and two well-attended public meetings."

Council placed advertisements and several lead articles appeared in the Wauchope Gazette. In addition, a representative of the Chamber of Commerce agreed to contact interest groups so as to ensure they were aware of the meeting. Council has listened carefully to feedback received at these meetings and refined the Plan accordingly, wherever possible

"I'm not sure what more Council can do in terms of community awareness", said the Mayor. "In terms of traffic management the draft masterplan does little more than build upon the Wauchope Traffic Study with respect to the Cameron / Blackbutt Drive deviation. This Plan was adopted by Council in 1996. This is nothing new and should not be a surprise to those in the vicinity of this area."

The Mayor and Hastings Council staff will be meeting with Wauchope Chamber of Commerce and community representatives tomorrow morning.

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