



Councillor **William Maslin**

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Councillor walks on dump point debate

Gundagai Shire Councillor, William Maslin, today said walking from the dump point debate at Council's ordinary meeting yesterday, was purely political.

At its August meeting, Council received a notice of motion from Cr Maslin which involved Council receiving and noting Cr Maslin's report on a meeting that was held with representatives from Gundagai Historic Bridges Inc and other interested persons, applying to the Campervan and Motorhomes Club of Australia for free dump point hardware and if successful in obtaining the hardware, applying to the CMCA to become an RV friendly town.

The matter was extensively debated at the August meeting with an amendment motion by Cr Abb McAlister, seeking a face-to-face meeting with the CMCA, being passed. The face-to-face meeting occurred on Tuesday, September 1 at the Development Committee meeting.

The dump point was again on the agenda for yesterday's Council meeting, with Cr Maslin leaving the Chamber just moments before the debate began, and returning after the conclusion of the debate.

"The motives were purely political," said Cr Maslin.

"It was extensively debated at the previous meeting and there was no recommendation in the report or indication as to what the outcome was going to be, so I couldn't see the point in going around in circles once again.

"At the end of the day, it's a numbers game and I'll never have the numbers. I am conscious of that fact, but that won't stop me from formally bringing matters to the attention of Council in accordance with the legislation.

"If that means making waves or playing political stunts, well so be it. I think at the end of the day, what this will come down to is the question of leadership or lack thereof," Cr Maslin concluded.

End.