

The transcript of the meeting between Lithgow City Council and the IPC references a grant application submitted by Lithgow City Council to the Regional Precincts and Partnership Programs that closed on the 30 June 2025.

Three grant applications were submitted, one of which was for planning for the development of the former Small Arms Factory Site. The report requesting approval was submitted to an extraordinary meeting of the newly elected council on the 11 December 2044 without adequate advice being provide to new Councilors.

Part of resolution 24 -282 was

3. Note that the execution of any successful grant applications by Council officers will not proceed until the successful outcomes are reported to Council and Council's endorsement to proceed with the grants is obtained.

There is no guarantee moving forward that the Council will accept this grant and that is not reflected in the transcript.

In addition the Lithgow LEP 2014 section 5.10 (5) states:

(5) **Heritage assessment** The consent authority may, before granting consent to any development—

(a) on land on which a **heritage** item is located, or

(b) on land that is within a **heritage** conservation area, or

(c) on land that is within the vicinity of land referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),

require a **heritage** management document to be prepared that assesses the extent to which the carrying out of the proposed development would affect the **heritage** significance of the **heritage** item or **heritage** conservation area concerned.

Council has the ability to wave any formal assessment of any proposal which negates any claims in the transcript that the LEP provides adequate protection for the site moving forward.