

"IF THE PUBLIC DON'T WANT IT, THE PUBLIC DON'T GET IT" - MAYOR'S VIEWS ON TALBRAGAR STREET BEAUTIFICATION PLAN

Mayor of the Dubbo Region Ben Shields has re-confirmed his approach to genuine community consultation.

"There is a lot of chatter around the community right now about the proposed beautification of Talbragar Street. Just like with South Bridge, my attitude is that if the public don't want it – the public don't get it," Councillor Shields said.

"I have the view that community consensus is the best way to make a decision when it comes to policy initiatives and major changes like this. Just like with South Bridge, and the South Dubbo high-density rezoning plan, my view is that the community's wishes should be adhered to."

The Talbragar Street Tree Beautification Plan is on public exhibition until the close of business Friday, 15 January, 2021 and Councillor Shields said the feedback he had received so far had been mixed, but in recent days attitudes have been shifting and there has been a significant push for no changes.

"I'm however certainly well aware that a lot of people have been pushing for more parking. I recently wrote to Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders asking that he facilitate redevelopment of the old service station that is located on the corner of Talbragar and Darling Street into a public car park. This spot would be ideal for parking considering it is already community owned and is not being used," Councillor Shields said.

"We need to do significant work in Talbragar Street – but it's important we get it right. So it's just as important that the community have their say via the submission process."

The draft concept designs can be viewed here: <https://www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition/talbragar-street-tree-planting>

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