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Lara community groups team up

Influential Lara community groups have teamed up to get Windermere Ward candidates to share their vision for the ward and respond to questions from the community on important local issues.

The Lara and Little River Rural Action Group (LLRRAG), the Township of Lara Care Group (TLC) and the Lara Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) are hosting the Windermere Ward Candidate community forum on 9 October at the Lara Community Centre.

Five people are standing for the Windermere Ward and there may be more. “We have a race without a form guide.” said LLRRAG President, Patrick O’Halloran. “Our groups believe voters need more information on their candidates than will be enclosed with the ballot paper sent exclusively by post for this election.

Lara is identified as an urban growth area in the recently completed G21 Regional Growth Plan submitted to the Minister for Planning but our infrastructure is seriously deficient.

“We have asked candidates to present their vision for the Ward and what priorities they will set for development, so Lara doesn’t become a ghetto and small towns like Little River are not forgotten.” Mr O’Halloran said.

The community forum commences at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 October. Prior registration is not necessary. Postal voting closes 6pm 26 October 2012.

For further information please contact Patrick O’Halloran on 0422 340 294

Who are LLRRAG? The Lara & Little River Rural Action Group (LLRRAG) was formed in July 2011 to respond to a proposal to construct a 700 hectare Intermodal Transport Hub and associated industrial park between the rural townships of Lara and Little River.

The proposal would see an estimated additional 18,000 trucks and 40,000 cars added to already under-maintained local roads, would create noise and light pollution 24/7 and destroy native grasslands and habitat of endangered wildlife that exists between the townships.

The LLRRAG consists of concerned local residents who would be greatly affected by this proposal. Our aim is to maintain the rural amenity of the Lara and Little River townships by stopping the development of the Lara Intermodal Freight Activity Centre on Old Melbourne Road.