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## **Shire maintains tough stand on mineral sand mining with latest planning policy**

The Shire has developed a Local Planning Policy that sends a clear message to any potential mineral sand miners.

Shire President Denyse Needham said the Shire had a long history of battling mineral sand mining in the area.

“Our fight against mineral sand mining dates back to 1986 and Council, in conjunction with the Serpentine Jarrahdale Ratepayers Association, has successfully fought every proposal that has come up. Council passed a resolution many years ago that on environmental and social impact grounds, we’d object at every stage of any proposal.”

“We are determined to preserve the natural beauty of this area.”

The policy seeks to maintain a general presumption against the extraction of mineral sands within the Shire. It also seeks to clearly outline the matters that are required to be addressed by proponents who are seeking approval for mineral sands extraction and to ensure that the assessment of proposals is comprehensive and consistent.

Written submissions on the draft policy close 5pm Monday 14 September 2009. They should be marked ‘Local Planning Policy 30’ and addressed to: Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire at 6 Paterson St, Mundijong 6123. An electronic copy of the draft Local Planning Policy is available on the Shire’s website at [www.sjshire.wa.gov.au](http://www.sjshire.wa.gov.au) and hard copies can be requested from the Shire office.

Following consideration of public submissions a final Local Planning Policy No 30 will be prepared and considered by Council for final adoption.

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