

Council Reference: 58417E (D25/68138)

24/02/2025

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

By email only:

Dear Sir/Madam

**Notification of Council Resolution & Publication of Submission Report
New Land Use Planning Scheme (Stage 1) - Strategic Growth Principles**

As you may be aware, a report on the **New Land Use Planning Scheme (Stage 1): Draft Strategic Growth Principles – Proposed Finalisation** was considered at Council's Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

At this meeting, it was resolved (MIN24.696) that Council:

1. Adopt the exhibited Strategic Growth Principles (Attachment 1) with the amendments recommended in Attachment 2 - *Recommended amendments to exhibited Strategic Growth Principles*, with these further amendments:
 - a. Principle 9 be amended to the original wording, which was, "Council will consider alternative ways to increase dwelling supply in constrained locations to meet the communities housing need instead of further expansion".
 - b. Principle 8 be amended to read as follows, "Development will maximise opportunities to conserve and protect biodiversity and indigenous values and habitats in accordance with contemporary legislation".
2. Proceed to publish the Strategic Growth Principles in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (known as Shoalhaven 2040).

The Council Report and Minutes can be viewed at: <https://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-meetings/Agendas-and-minutes>

The adoption of these Principles will help to provide a contemporary policy framework to guide the preparation of Council's new land use planning scheme, inform consideration of proponent-initiated planning proposals, and strengthen Council's case against reviews of its rezoning decisions.

The Principles provide an interim strengthening and confirmation of Council's existing growth management policies, helping to support existing land use planning strategies while new ones are prepared.

Council officers are now working toward incorporating the Principles into the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) in accordance with the Council resolution. When complete, the updated LSPS will be published on Council's website and the NSW Planning Portal.

Council has also published the outcome of community feedback that helped inform the finalisation of the Principles. The "*Summary and Consideration of Submissions and Council Response*" report considers the feedback that was received during the exhibition of the Principles, which occurred throughout June and July 2024.

Council received 153 survey responses and 14 written submissions in response to the exhibition. The report provides a summary of this feedback, as well as the final set of Principles that incorporate adjustments to respond to the community feedback, as required.

The report can be viewed on Council's Get Involved project webpage at: <https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/setting-strategic-growth-principles-for-shoalhaven>

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Kristy O'Sullivan, City Development on (02) 4429 3511. Please quote Council's reference 58417E (D25/68138).

Yours faithfully



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