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Draft Land Environment Plan to go to exhibition.

The critical issue of building height limits within the Draft Local Environmental Plan 2009 has now been resolved following the re-constituted Draft Land Environmental Plan 2009 Height of Buildings Committee meeting last night. Chairman Councillor Kearney said he was “extremely pleased” that the Committee met on Thursday 14th April to “complete its business”.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Mayor and Chairman Councillor Gary Kearney, Cllr John Fergusson, Cllr Greg Watson, Cllr Nigel Soames and Cllr Amanda Findley. Cllr Bohdan Brumerskyj was also in attendance, but excluded himself from the meeting when he was required to declare a pecuniary conflict of interest in the matters before the Committee.

After considerable debate, the Committee resolved to adopt the following resolution;

- a) *Council proceed to the exhibition of the draft LEP2009 with the current approach to “height of buildings”;*
- b) *As part of the exhibition state Councils intention to map and include a maximum building height of 8.5 metres in the proposed R2 Low Density Residential and RU5 Village zones in the plan as part of its finalisation;*
- c) *Height in all other areas be managed through appropriate Development Control Plans controls, as either storeys or three dimensional building envelopes;*
- d) *As part of the exhibition, detail the existing site specific building heights that are set in existing DCP's and state Councils intention to incorporate these DCP height limits in the LEP2009 “height of buildings” maps and include them in the plan as part of its finalisation.*

Shoalhaven City Council Deputy Mayor Councillor Gary Kearney said the final decision is a reasonable compromise. “The decision clears the way for the Draft LEP to go on public exhibition in a format that makes Council’s intent very clear to incorporate all of the height controls in the current Development Control Plans” Cllr Kearney said.

“This was one major concern previously expressed by the community and indicates that Council has listened to the community in this respect.” Said Cllr Kearney.

A final report on the Draft LEP will be prepared by staff and presented to Council as soon as possible. It is expected there will be recommendations the Draft LEP 2009 be placed on public exhibition around mid-year 2011.

For further information on Council’s Draft LEP, you can contact Shoalhaven City Council’s Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Director, Peter Adams on (02) 4429 3470

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