



# Media Release

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## Extraordinary meeting for Local Environmental Plan

Council is holding an extraordinary meeting in the first week of November to consider the draft Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan.

It is important for the community to have their say on this draft plan.

This meeting will pave the way for this to happen early next year through a major public exhibition and feedback.

This will give the community an important opportunity to view and have their say on the draft Plan.

This new Plan will eventually replace the existing Shoalhaven LEP 1985 and will guide planning decisions via zonings and development controls.

It will also rezone additional land identified in the endorsed Nowra-Bomaderry Structure Plan for new living and employment areas.

Mayor, Paul Green said "Getting the draft plan to this point has taken a lot of negotiation with State Government and staff have put in a lot of time and effort to achieve this. It is imperative that Council now finalises the changes to the draft plan so that we can move on to the public exhibition stage. This will allow the community to have a look at the plan to determine what it may mean for their property, their local community and for the City".

Adoption of the changes to the draft Plan will also mean that Council will be one step closer to being able to release new residential and employment land around Nowra-Bomaderry.

This helps Council to be well prepared for the steady increase in population that is predicted for our area through the State Government's South Coast Regional Strategy while managing our beautiful environment and values.

The extraordinary meeting will be held 6-8pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and reconvene at 6-8pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and 3-5pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November (if required).

The report on the draft Plan will be available on Council's website prior to the meeting.

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