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Seeking Jerberra landowners' views on rezoning options

Shoalhaven City Council, working with the Department of Planning and Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, has organised an information drop-in day to discuss rezoning options with Jerberra Estate landowners.

The drop-in day has been organised for Saturday 4 September at the Tomerong School of Arts.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Paul Green said the day is an opportunity for landowners to speak in confidence with staff about their personal situation and aspirations for Jerberra Estate.

"We also would like to hear which of the proposed two development options each landowner would prefer to be further investigated," Clr Green said.

"The two rezoning options have been developed using detailed strategic planning studies undertaken in recent years which show that only parts of the Estate are potentially suitable for residential development," said Clr Green.

"These findings are consistent with planning studies undertaken by Council in the 1990s. It is clear that if the outcome is limited by the existing subdivision pattern only a proportion of landowners would potentially benefit due to the need to protect sensitive environmental areas, manage bushfire risk, and provide services and infrastructure.

"There is however an option that could potentially benefit all landowners. This option involves land pooling and subdivision of the least constrained land, under a community title scheme.

"Once the landowners have a chance to consider the different options and give feedback to Council and the government agencies, a Local Environmental Plan to rezone the land can be exhibited," said Clr Green.

Clr Green will meet again with Minister for Lands Mr Tony Kelly in coming months to review progress of the rezoning investigations.

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