South Kingscliff tourist resort proposal now on public exhibition

Public feedback is being sought on a proposal for a tourist resort and community facilities at ‘Lot 490’ at South Kingscliff in the Tweed Shire, which will tomorrow be placed on public exhibition by the NSW Department of Planning.

The Department’s Deputy Director-General of Development Assessment, Richard Pearson, said that the proponent Leighton Properties Resorts Pty Ltd is seeking project approval for:

- A tourist resort comprising 180 units/bungalows, conference centre, restaurant, bar, retail premises and resort amenities; and
- Community facilities including an Aboriginal interpretive centre, children’s playground, pontoon, tennis court, half basketball court, car parking areas, picnic shelters, walking trails and public amenities.

“The site itself, which has historically been used for sand mining and is currently unused, is over 43 hectares in size, with the core tourist component proposed within an envelope of around 12 hectares along Casuarina Way,” Mr Pearson said.

“The proponent’s environmental assessment was deemed adequate for exhibition after review of the document to ensure it addressed the Department’s assessment requirements.

“These included issues such as coastal processes, flooding and sea level rise, bushfire, Aboriginal heritage, visual impacts, public foreshore access and threatened species, amongst others.

“The environmental assessment is now on public exhibition for 33 days, from 21 April to 24 May 2010, and I encourage interested members of the public to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

“Any submissions received will be carefully considered, along with the proponent’s response to the issues raised in these submissions, as part of the Department’s assessment of the project.”

The environmental assessment for the project can be viewed at:

- Department of Planning Information Centre 23–33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Tweed Shire Council Murwillumbah Office Civic and Cultural Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah; or
- Kingscliff Library, Turnock Street, Kingscliff.
All relevant project documents are also publicly available on the Department’s website, and can be accessed by visiting http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au and following the links to the ‘On Exhibition’ page.

Submissions may be made online via the above link, or addressed to the Director, Regional Projects, Department of Planning, GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001.

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