FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN LISMORE

Lismore City Council’s draft Local Environmental Plan 2010 is now available for comment after more than 3 years of research and investigation, Council and the NSW Department of Planning today announced.

The Local Environment Plan (LEP) guides development in the local government area. The plan allows Council to manage the ways in which land may be used through zoning and development controls.

The new Local Environmental Plan proposes extra land for housing, industry, retail and business development. It also proposes new controls to protect areas that have special environmental values and will increase building height limits in parts of the local government area.

The draft LEP 2010 also proposes to reclassify a number of Council owned properties from ‘community’ land to ‘operational’ land within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1993.

“We are committed to a thorough community consultation process and are keen to speak to as many residents as we can about this new draft LEP and the changes that are proposed,” Mr McAlister said.

The Department’s Deputy Director-General, Tom Gelibrand, said the Department had provided Council with $100,000 in financial assistance to prepare vegetation mapping for the draft LEP.

“I commend Council for preparing the draft plan consistent with the Far North Coast Regional Strategy, which recognises Lismore as a major regional centre.

“The draft plan is also in line with the Government’s standard LEP template, which will set the future direction for land use planning in the Lismore Council.

“The standard template provides a consistent framework for the layout, zone names and definitions in new council-wide LEPs across the State, making them easier to implement and to understand.

At the same time councils still have the flexibility to incorporate local planning strategies and address planning issues specific to the local area.”

From 29 April the community has three months to take in the implications of the draft plan and to provide feedback. The draft Local Environmental Plan 2010 may be viewed at Council’s Corporate Centre in Goonellabah, CBD Centre in Magellan Street, the CBD Library and the Nimbin Visitor Information Centre.

Lismore City Council’s website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au will also be a good source of information with all the relevant documents, maps and fact sheets that explain different parts of the draft LEP in plain English.

During May and June Information sessions will be held at Nimbin, Clunes, Dunoon and Wyrallah where staff will be available to explain the draft Plan and its potential impacts to property owners and residents.

In addition, staff will be available to attend community group meetings across the Lismore area and briefing sessions will be held for the development industry and state government departments.

Submissions must be in writing and received by close of business July 29. After the close of the consultation period Council will consider all submissions prior to adopting the final Local Environmental Plan. This is likely to occur towards the end of 2010.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR JOURNALISTS

Locations where draft LEP is on exhibition

Council’s Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Ave, Goonellabah
Council’s CBD Office, Magellan Street, Lismore
Nimbin Visitor Information Centre, Cullen Street, Nimbin
CBD Library, Magellan Street, Lismore

Discs with all exhibition material available for $10.

Website www.lismore.nsw.gov.au and click on Have Your Say.

Dates and Times for rural hall visits

Nimbin School of Arts, 18 May, 2010 from 4pm to 7pm
Clunes Village Common, 27 May, 2010 from 4pm to 7pm
Dunoon Hall, 1 June, 2010 from 4pm to 7pm
Wyrallah – 31 May 201 from 4pm to 7pm