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REZONING SUPPORTS NEW HOUSING IN PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS

The NSW Government has approved a rezoning near Kendall in the Port Macquarie-Hastings local area which will support around 25 new rural residential dwellings for the Mid North Coast.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the 65-hectare parcel of land had been zoned from a combination of rural and rural agricultural protection to:

- Around 10 hectares zoned rural;
- Nearly 3 hectares zoned rural agricultural protection;
- More than 33 hectares zoned rural residential; and
- More than 19 hectares zoned environmental protection-habitat.

“The Government is committed to delivering adequate housing supply to the Mid North Coast, a region which is expected to be home to 94,000 new residents by 2031,” the Minister said.

“The council’s rezoning will enable an expansion of rural residential development in this area while also zoning high value paperbark and Turpentine forests across a third of the site for environmental protection.

“Land which is identified as regionally significant farmland in the Government’s Mid North Coast Farmland Mapping Project has also been zoned for rural agricultural protection.”

The site was previously identified as an investigation area in the council’s *Hastings Rural Residential Strategy 2004*, subject to detailed investigations supporting development of the part of the site for rural residential uses.

In response to community concerns, Council has increased the minimum lot subdivision size from 8000 square metres to one hectare, which will allow adequate area for on-site effluent disposal and consistency with the character of adjoining rural residential development.

Further detailed development applications will have to be lodged for assessment and approved by council, prior to any construction commencing on-site.