HOUSING BOOST FOR SINGLETON

An amendment to the Singleton local environmental plan (LEP) will support 10 new dwellings in the State’s Hunter region.

NSW Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said Singleton Council’s LEP rezones 60 hectares of land known as the Standen Drive Environmental Living Estate from rural to environmental living, consistent with the Government’s standard instrument zone.

“This LEP provides a boost of housing supply to this growing area in the Hunter, whilst also ensuring that the environmental values of the land are not compromised,” Mr Kelly said.

Minister for the Hunter, Jodi McKay, said the environmental living zone allows well located and designed residential development that will not have an adverse impact on the surrounding environment.

“The site has been identified as future urban land in council’s Land Use Strategy, which has been endorsed by the Department of Planning,” Ms McKay said.

To address concerns raised by the then Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), the council undertook further biodiversity impact assessment and reviewed compliance with DECC’s Aboriginal cultural heritage requirements.

The plan is consistent with State planning policies applying to the site and all Ministerial Directions relating to plan making.

Council did not receive any public submissions on the proposed rezoning.