

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

Extra time to provide feedback on West Byron Bay rezoning proposal

The public is being given an additional two weeks to comment on a proposed State significant site at West Byron Bay, which is being exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

The proponent, Byron Bay West Landowners Association, is seeking to have the 108 hectare site listed as a State significant site and rezoned to support future development comprising a mix of residential and employment land, and environmental protection.

The site is located around 2.5km west of Byron Bay town centre, to the south of Ewingsdale Road. The proposed rezoning would provide approximately:

- 49.8 hectares of new residential land with the potential for around 900 homes;
- 38.4 hectares for environmental conservation;
- 15.3 hectares of employment lands, including 10 hectares of commercial/ mixed use land and 5.3 hectares of light industrial land;
- 2.8 hectares of land for tourism uses; and
- 2.2 hectares of land for public recreation.

The State significant site study has been on public exhibition since 12 October, and the exhibition period, which was to have ended on 14 November, has now been **extended until Wednesday, 30 November**. Interested members of the public are encouraged to lodge a submission providing feedback during this time.

Submissions received during the public exhibition period, along with the proponent's response to submissions document, will be made available on the department's website. If you do not want your name to be made public, this should be clearly stated in your submission.

The site is being investigated as a potential State significant site due to its regional significance in addressing local housing supply and affordability, and because its future development would support the implementation of the Far North Coast Regional Strategy.

If the rezoning is approved, the proponent would be required to lodge future development applications with Byron Shire Council before any construction work could occur on the site.

The State significant site study can be viewed during business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney; or
- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Grafton Office, 76 Victoria Street, Grafton;
- **Byron Shire Council** – 70-90 Station Street, Mullumbimby; and
- **Byron Bay Library** – Corner of Lawson and Fletcher streets, Byron Bay.

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 can be:

- Lodged online at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> (then search for the project);
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au;
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455; or
- Posted to Strategic Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001;

Media contact: Mark Skelsey, (02) 9228 6275 or 0439 931 098

NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.