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**Government to streamline Lord Howe Island wastewater system upgrades**

The community is encouraged to have a say on a proposed amendment to the Lord Howe Island LEP on exhibition today which could make wastewater system upgrades easier for locals.

The proposed changes will reclassify domestic wastewater management systems (WMS) as exempt development for residential developments.

A spokesperson from the Department of Planning and Environment said the proposed changes seek to streamline the way residents and business owners can upgrade their WMS.

“Lord Howe Island relies on WMSs to dispose of water because there is no sewerage infrastructure in place. Currently there are about 1.5 residents for every WMS which makes them vital to ensuring locals and visitors to the island have high quality sanitation,” the spokesperson said.

“Lord Howe is world-renowned for its pristine environment and fully-functional WMSs, that are straightforward to fix, ensure environmental and biodiversity protection.

“The Lord Howe Island Board will continue to approve waste management system upgrades but the suggested amendment removes a layer of red tape by defining upgrades as exempt development in the LEP.

“Community input and submissions on this planning proposal are strongly encouraged.”


Submissions can be made from Thursday January 15 until Sunday 15 February 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:
- The General Manager, Northern Region
- Department of Planning and Environment
- Locked Bag 9022
- GRAFTON NSW 2460
The EIS is also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Lord Howe Island Board Administration Office, Bowker Avenue, Lord Howe Island

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