

At this stage there has not been technical assessment of the site in terms of effluent disposal, bushfire design, and flora/fauna issues. As the site is cleared and as the lots are over 4ha it is clear that there can be an adequate design and building platform location so as to provide for effluent disposal and asset protection zones.

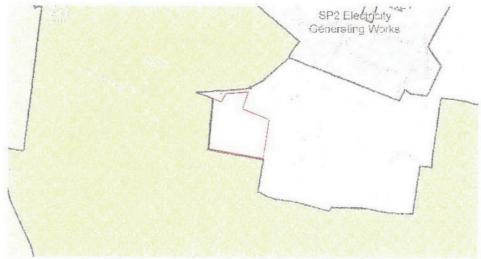
Whilst the site is cleared Council's Terrestrial Biodiversity Map shows that approximately 60% of the land is contained within a "connectivity between significant vegetation" area. Even if this map is accepted as correct there is still ample room on the proposed vacant lot for a building envelope and associated services. However if the aerial photograph is perused it can be seen that there is no vegetation of note in the area shown on the Biodiversity Map and as such it is submitted that a formal flora/fauna assessment is not required at this stage (if at all).

Prima facie Council can be satisfied that the land is capable of subdivision in the manner proposed.

Statutory Planning Policies and Controls

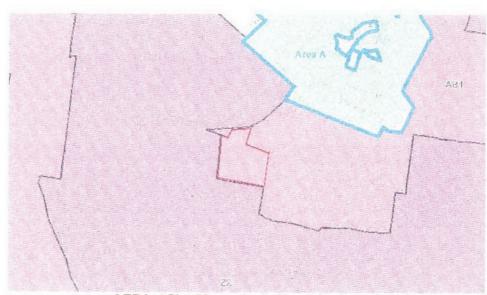
Land Use Zoning

The site is currently zoned RU1 – Primary Production under Hawkesbury LEP 2012.



LEP zone map extract. Subject property outlined in red.

The lot size map within the LEP provides for a minimum lot size of 10ha within the RU1 zone.



LEP Lot Size Map extract. Property shown in red.

State Planning Controls and Policies

<u>Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No 9 – Extractive Industry</u> (No 2 – 1995)

The primary aim of SREP No 9 (No 2-1995) are to facilitate the development of extractive resources in proximity to the population of the Sydney Metropolitan Area by identifying land which contains extractive material of regional significance and to ensure consideration is given to the impact of encroaching development on the ability of extractive industries to realise their full potential. The site is not within the vicinity of land descried in Schedule 1, 2 and 5 of the SREP nor will the proposed development restrict the obtaining of deposits of extractive material from such land.

State Environmental Planning Policy 44 - Koala Habitat

State Environmental Planning Policy 44 – Koala Habitat Assessment is applicable. A formal assessment of the site against this Policy has not been done however would be included in any subsequent flora/fauna report required. However there is no evidence of koalas on site and the site is not core habitat as defined by SEPP44.

SEPP55 - Remediation of Land

The land has not been used for any intensive agricultural use or any other use that would suggest that remediation is required. There is no obvious evidence of surface or groundwater pollution. It is not believed that any geotechnical investigations need to be carried out for the planning proposal to proceed.

It is noted that the land is within class 5 Acid Sulfate soil as identified in the Acid Sulfate Soil Map forming part of LEP 2012. There is no particular requirement arising as a result of this classification for this Planning Proposal.

SREP No 20 - Hawkesbury Nepean River

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No 20 (No 2) – Hawkesbury Nepean River [From 1st July 2009 existing Regional Environmental Plans become a "deemed" SEPP under new Division 2, Part 3 of the EP&A Act].

The aim of SREP 20 is to protect the environment of the Hawkesbury – Nepean River System by ensuring that the impacts of future land uses are considered in a regional context. Part 2 of SREP20 provides general planning considerations and recommended strategies. The following specific policies are relevant:

1. Total Catchment Management

Policy: Total catchment management is to be integrated with environmental planning for the catchment.

Strategies

- a) Refer the application or other proposal for comment to the councils of each adjacent or downstream local government area which is likely to suffer a significant a significant adverse environmental effect from the proposal.
- b) Consider the impact of the development concerned on the catchment.
- c) Consider the cumulative environmental impact of proposals on the catchment.

The proposal is a minor spot rezoning that would have little impact on the river or its catchment. This type of development is envisaged by Council's Residential Land Strategy. Any cumulative impact would be recognised as suitable in the context of expanding towns and villages as promoted by Council's strategy.

The subdivision as such will have no impact on water quality although future dwellings on the site would need to be designed in an appropriate manner such that water quality is not adversely impacted. Appropriate mechanisms exist to ensure appropriate water quality can be put into place within the subdivision design and layout of access and building envelopes. This is a matter for detail at a subsequent stage.

A wastewater disposal report has not been carried out at this stage however the size of each lot and the open grassed nature of the land suggests that there will be no problem with on-site effluent disposal both from the existing dwelling and a future dwelling on the proposed vacant lot.

6. Flora and Fauna

Policy: Manage flora and fauna communities so that diversity of species and genetics within the catchment is conserved and enhanced.

The land contains areas on each proposed lot to enable construction of a dwelling and associated infrastructure. It is understood that a formal flora/fauna assessment and a bushfire assessment may be required at a future stage however at this stage it is considered that there is prima facie evidence to suggest that each lot can be developed with adequate regard to flora/fauna established concepts.

9. Rural Residential Development

Policy: Rural residential development should not reduce agricultural sustainability, contribute to urban sprawl, or have adverse environmental impacts (particularly on the water cycle or on flora or fauna).

As mentioned the land is class 3 agricultural land with limited potential. The site is within that generally identified by Council as having some urban potential and thus development is anticipated. It is believed that the environmental impacts will be satisfactory.

Regional Planning Controls and Policies

Sydney Metropolitan Strategy

The Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 is applicable. The Metropolitan Plan 2036 (the Plan) is the strategic plan that guides Sydney's growth to 2036. The Plan is an integrated, long-term planning framework that will significantly manage Sydney's growth and economic development to 2036.

The Plan sets capacity targets for each subregion to facilitate housing and economic growth through providing more jobs closer to home. The Plan anticipates the North West to provide an additional 169,000 dwellings by 2036.

The Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy is Council's response to implementing the Metro Strategy as far as it applies to the Hawkesbury LGA. The proposal arises out of Council's Strategy identifying a need for further urban development on the periphery of existing towns and villages subject to relevant criteria.

Draft North West Subregional Strategy

The Metropolitan Plan has been developed to set the framework targets for 10 Metropolitan subregions to provide for major growth in housing and employment.

The North West subregional planning strategy, which covers, inter alia, the LGA of Hawkesbury sets the broad direction for additional dwelling and employment growth.

This Strategy is split up into a number of sub-regional strategies including the North West Subregional Strategy which provides for the

Hawkesbury LGA to accommodate an additional 5,000 dwellings to 2036.

The draft subregional strategy acknowledges that the Hawkesbury LGA is largely constrained by the Hawkesbury Nepean flood plain, with limited capacity for additional growth to the south of the Hawkesbury River due to the risk of flooding.

The draft subregional strategy identifies and assumes that the majority of future housing growth within the LGA will need to occur on land located predominantly to the north/west of the River, in association with existing local centres. This Planning Proposal is consistent with this objective and is consistent with the further detailed investigation carried out by Council through its Residential Land Strategy.

Local Planning Controls and Policies

Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2012.

Hawkesbury LEP 2012 is the current LEP applying to the site and the Hawkesbury LGA. The land is zoned RU1 – Primary Production and the Lot Size Map within the LEP provides that subdivided lots are to have a minimum area of 10ha.

To alter the minimum lot size provisions requires a rezoning of the land through the Planning Proposal process. It is considered that the most expedient way for this to occur for this type of "spot" proposal is for the Lot Size Map to be altered to reflect the proposed subdivision.

Hawkesbury Residential Lands Strategy 2010.

Council adopted the Strategy to guide it in future development of zoned residential lands and lands in proximity of zoned residential lands. The Strategy identifies that existing centres only have the potential accommodate approximately 600 of the total 5,000-6,000 required new dwellings for the LGA as identified in the North Western Sub Regional Strategy. The remaining 5,400 dwellings need to be provided from greenfield sites, infill development and incremental development around existing towns and villages.

The Residential Lands strategy included a recommendation as follows:

The Hawkesbury Residential Development Model focuses on future residential development in urban areas and key centres. However, the importance of maintaining the viability of existing rural villages is recognised. As such, the Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy has

developed a strategy for large lot residential or rural residential development to focus around existing rural villages.

The future development of rural villages is recommended to:

- _ Be low density and large lot residential dwellings, which focus on proximity to villages and services and facilities; and
- _ Minimise impacts on agricultural land, protect scenic landscape and natural areas, and occur within servicing limits or constraints.

Additionally development within and adjacent to rural villages must:

- _Be able to have onsite sewerage disposal;
- _Cluster around or on the periphery of villages;
- _Cluster around villages with services that meet existing neighbourhood criteria services as a minimum (within a 1km radius);
- _Address environmental constraints and with minimal environmental impacts; and
- _Only occur within the capacity of the rural village.

The proposal has been designed and the site is located to meet the above requirements.

Hawkesbury Employment Lands Strategy 2008.

The Employment Lands Strategy identifies Kurrajong as having a local neighbourhood commercial centre. The Strategy makes the following recommendations in respect of what should happen with Kurrajong.

Villages and neighbourhood centres such as Kurrajong, Kurmond, Pitt Town, Bligh Park, Wilberforce and McGraths Hill should be supported by allowing additional residential intensification in their immediate vicinity where environmental constraints allow. This might require an accompanying increase in business and retail development capacity.²

The proposal is consistent with the recommendations for Kurrajong.

Community Strategic Plan 2013-2032

The Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan 2013–2032 is based on five themes:

- Looking after people and place
- · Caring for our environment
- · Linking the Hawkesbury
- · Supporting business and local jobs
- · Shaping our future together

² Hawkesbury Employment Lands Strategy, 2008, p113.

Each theme contains a number of Directions, Strategies, Goals and Measures.

There is no specific strategy relating to subdivision around villages and the Planning Proposal is not inconsistent with any of the broad themes within the Strategic Plan. Of relevance is that the Planning Proposal is consistent with the "looking after people and place" directions statement in that:

- It offers future residents a choice of housing options that are appropriate in the context of the site and overall qualities of the Hawkesbury.
- Any population increase resulting from the Planning Proposal will have appropriate infrastructure provision and will accord with relevant rural, environmental and heritage characteristics of the Hawkesbury.
- It will provide for appropriate development and promote physical and community infrastructure on both sides of the Hawkesbury River.

Of further relevance is that the Planning Proposal is consistent with the strategy contained in the Community Plan that identifies community needs (additional housing opportunities), establishes an appropriate benchmark and ensures that required services and facilities are available and can be delivered.

Our City Our Future - Rural Rezoning Policy 1998

This policy was adopted in 1998 and has somewhat been superceded by more current policies of Council. However the provisions of the policy are indicated below with comments on each.

1.0 Purpose of the Policy

- 1. That the following principles be adopted for consideration of rural rezonings to allow smaller lot subdivision :
- a. Fragmentation of land is to be minimised;

The land is within an area identified within Council's subsequent Residential Land Strategy as having urban potential. Fragmentation of this land is envisaged by this subsequent strategy.

b. Consolidation within and on land contiguous with existing towns and villages be preferred over smaller lot subdivision away from existing towns and villages;

The proposal is consistent with this principle.

c. No subdivision along main roads and any subdivision to be effectively screened from minor roads;

The site does not front and is not visible from a main road.

d. No subdivision along ridgelines or escarpments;

The site is not on a ridgeline or in an escarpment area.

e. Where on site effluent disposal is proposed, lots are to have an area of at least 1 (one) hectare unless the effectiveness of a smaller area can be demonstrated by geotechnical investigation;

The lots will each be larger than 1ha.

f. The existing proportion of tree coverage on any site is to be retained or enhanced;

The subdivision does not propose removal of vegetation and the area where a new dwelling would likely go is clear of vegetation.

g. Any rezoning proposals are to require the preparation of Environmental Studies and Section 94 Contributions Plans at the applicant's expense.

The rezoning process has altered since this policy of Council. The Gateway Process will dictate whether further studies are required. It is understood that Council is preparing a S94 plan for development proposed and arising from the Residential Strategy.

h. Community title be encouraged for rural subdivision as a means of conserving environmental features, maintaining agricultural land and arranging for the maintenance of access roads and other capital improvements.

The form of title for subdivision of the land has not been determined. Community title can be investigated should the Planning Proposal proceed although a normal Torrens Title subdivision would appear to be the appropriate form of title for this subdivision.

2. Prepare a draft local environmental plan to alter minimum requirements to average requirements with an absolute minimum requirement sufficient to contain on site effluent disposal. A clause is to be added to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989, prohibiting

any further subdivision of the residue lot if all subdivision entitlement is exhausted.

These controls can be imposed and is a matter for Council when considering support of the Planning Proposal.

3. As a means of encouraging the retention of large holdings, a concessional lot entitlement of up to 50% of the existing legal entitlement be considered under State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 where a land holding has an area in excess of 40 (forty) hectares and where the subdivision will maximise the area of a single residue lot through the provision of small rural residential lots. Such subdivision proposals are to comply with the principles of this document with a clause to be added to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989, prohibiting any further subdivision of the residue lot if all subdivision entitlement is exhausted.

Not applicable as land is less than 40ha.

4. Vineyard - In accordance with previous resolutions and resident representations urban development with appropriate services should be supported.

Not applicable.

Matters to be addressed in a planning proposal Justification Statement (s 55(1) of the Act

The Planning Proposal has been prepared in accordance with the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure *A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans* (October 2012). The Proposal is structured in the following parts:

- Objectives or Intended Outcomes;
- 2. Explanation of Provisions;
- 3. Justification;
 - a) Need for the Planning Proposal;
 - b) Relationship to Strategic Planning Framework;
 - c) Environmental, Social & Economic Impact;
 - d) State and Commonwealth Interests:
- 4. Mapping:
- 5. Community Consultation;
- 6. Project Timeline.

Part 1 - Objectives or Intended Outcomes

The proposed local environmental plan would alter the Lot Size Map as it applies to the land. It is presumed that there will be provisions contained within the draft plan that would limit the number of lots to generally coincide with the planning proposal and that no further subdivision of this land would be permissible once the actual number of lots have been assessed as appropriate.

The proposal, albeit in a small way, would assist in meeting the demand for additional housing supply and housing choices within the requirement for an additional 5-6,000 houses by 2031.

Part 2 - Explanation of Provisions

It is envisaged that the draft local environmental plan would include provisions relating to suitable dwelling location, vegetation management, bushfire asset protection zones, access and effluent disposal.

Part 3 - Justification

Section A - Need for the planning proposal.

1. Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

Council's Residential Land Strategy 2010 and the North West Sub-Region Strategy indicate the goal of providing further 5-6,000 dwellings within the Hawkesbury LGA by 2031.

The proposal is the result of an indication within the Residential Lands Strategy adopted by Council in 2010 that required a vibrant future for small villages including the development around their perimeters commensurate with appropriate access and facilities. The site is within an area to be considered for development in accordance with Council's Strategy.

Additionally the Planning Proposal is a result of the landowner's request for Council to consider further development of the site as being consistent with land on the periphery of Kurrajong Village.

The use of the LEP Gateway determination process will assist in an incremental way, the achievements of the strategic objectives of the Sub-Regional Strategy and Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy.

2. Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

The current Lot Size Map does not allow for subdivision in the manner proposed. A planning proposal and subsequent local environmental plan to alter the Lot Size Map is the most appropriate and easiest way to bring about development of the subject land to be consistent with Council's Residential Lands Strategy. The subject site is in an obvious location for infill expansion on the fringe of the Kurrajong Village whilst at the same time recognizing environmental features of the site.

The alternative to altering the Lot Size Map would be to actually rezone the site to a "best fit" zone within the standard instrument list of zones such as R5 Large Lot Residential or RU5 Village. It is considered that neither of these zones (or any other zone) would be appropriate unless coming from a detailed study of a broader area. In the meantime the existing zone objectives are still appropriate and will ensure an adequate fit of the subdivision and adequate control of development. Changing the Lot Size Map is easier, efficient and can be done in a timely manner whilst maintaining the philosophy of the Standard Instrument LEP.

The Planning Proposal is a key means of achieving the State and Regional objectives and strategic outcomes within the Hawkesbury LGA, specifically the housing targets set by Council's Residential Land Strategy and the North-West Subregional Strategy. Whilst there are some large lot yield proposals currently with Council and the Department of Planning the total proposed yield to 2031 can only be addressed if smaller proposals such as this are included alongside larger proposals. In this way there will be a variety of housing choices brought to the market and smaller landholders are seen to be part of the process and an integral component of local communities.

Section B - Relationship to strategic planning framework.

3. Is the planning proposal consistent with the objectives and actions of the applicable regional or sub-regional strategy (including the Sydney Metropolitan Strategy and exhibited draft strategies?

The Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036

The Sydney Metropolitan Strategy – City of Cities: A Plan for Sydney's Future (the Metro Strategy) was released in 2005 to support growth while balancing social and environmental impacts over 25 years. The

Metro Strategy has now been updated and integrated with the Metropolitan Transport Plan towards greater sustainability, affordability, liveability and equity for generations to come.

The below table provides assessment of the Planning Proposal against the relevant objectives and actions of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036.

Actions	Response
Objective B1 – to focus activity in accessible centres.	The proposal provides for infill peripheral development on the southern part of the Kurrajong Village.
Action B1.1 – plan for centres to grow and change over time.	The proposal assists in carrying out this action.
Action B1.3 – aim to locate 80% of all new housing within walking catchments of existing and planned centres of all sizes with good public transport.	The site is within walking and cycling distance of the village shops and bus route to the larger centres of Richmond and Windsor.
B3.1 Plan for new centres in existing urban areas and greenfield release areas.	The site is on the edge of an existing village area and a logical one for large lot residential lots as proposed.

Objective D1 – to ensure an adequate supply of land and sites for residential development.

The proposal is for large lot residential development. There is a demand for this type of development which is in short supply within the Hawkesbury LGA.

Action D1.1 – locate at least 70% of new housing within existing urban areas and up to 30% in new release area.

The site is on the southern periphery of the Kurrajong village area and assists in carrying out this action and is consistent with development envisaged by Council's Residential Land Strategy.

D1.2 - reflect new subregional housing targets in Subregional Strategies and Local Environmental Plans, and monitor their achievement.

The proposal will assist in the sub regional strategy of providing for an additional 5-6,000 house sites by 2031.

Objective D2 – to produce housing that suits expected future needs.

There is an expectation within the rural village areas of the Hawkesbury LGA that additional housing opportunities will occur commensurate with projected growth.

Action D2.1 – ensure local planning controls include more low rise medium density housing in and around smaller local centres.

The proposal does not achieve this action. Kurrajong is not currently provided with adequate water and sewer services to provide for low rise medium density housing.

D3.1 Explore incentives to deliver moderately priced rental and purchase housing across all subregions.

The proposal will assist in meeting demand for rural/residential and large lot residential housing that, like all other housing types, is in short supply within the Hawkesbury LGA.

Objective F1 – to contain Sydney's urban footprint.

The proposal is on the southern edge of the Kurrajong Village and envisaged by Council's Residential Strategy as being within an area for limited growth.

Objective F2 - to maintain and protect agricultural activities and resource lands	The site is class 3 agricultural land with limited opportunities due to slope, proximity of housing, and vegetation constraints. Any meaningful agricultural use of the land is limited however low-key hobby farm type uses could continue.
Objective G5 – to achieve sustainable water use.	Water sensitive design can be incorporated into future dwelling applications to Council.
Objective G6 - to protect Sydney's unique diversity of plants and animals.	The site is mostly cleared of vegetation and new dwelling on the vacant lot would not require removal of vegetation. The land size and topography would ensure that effluent disposal would occur without impact on plants or animals.
Objective H3 – to provide healthy, safe and inclusive places based on active transport.	There is limited transport within the rural village areas of the Hawkesbury LGA. However this site is within walking and cycling distances to the local village shopping centre and bus route that provides access to larger centres.
Action H3.1 – design and plan for healthy, safe, accessible and inclusive places.	

Draft North West Subregional Strategy

The Draft North West Subregional Strategy identifies and assumes that the majority of future housing growth within the LGA will need to occur on land located predominantly to the north of the River in association with existing local centres. Whilst not specifically mentioned in the sub regional strategy Kurmond Village would fall within such a local centre.

The proposal is consistent, albeit in a small way, with the objective of a further 5-6,000 dwellings within the Hawkesbury LGA by 2031.

The Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036 can be viewed at http://strategies.planning.nsw.gov.au/MetropolitanStrategyforSydney/PreviousMetropolitanstrategies.aspx

The Subregional Strategy can be viewed at http://www.shop.nsw.gov.au/pubdetails.jsp?publication=7957

4. Is the planning proposal consistent with council's local strategy or other local strategic plan?

The Planning Proposal is considered consistent with the following plans of Council:

- Residential Land Strategy 2010;
- Community Strategic Plan 2013-2032;

Residential Land Strategy 2010

Council's Residential Land Strategy identifies that existing zoned land within the Hawkesbury only have the potential to accommodate approximately 600 of the total 5,000 – 6,000 required new dwellings to 2031.

Additionally the Strategy requires a vibrant future for small villages including the development around their perimeters commensurate with appropriate access and facilities. The site is on the fringe of the Kurrajong Village and is considered to be within an area to be considered for development in accordance with Council's Strategy.

The Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy can be viewed on Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.

Community Strategic Plan 2013-2032

As mentioned earlier the Community Strategic Plan contains a number of themes which contains a number of Directions, Strategies, Goals and Measures.

There is no specific strategy relating to subdivision around villages and the Planning Proposal is not inconsistent with any of the broad themes within the Strategic Plan.

The Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan 2013 - 2032 can be viewed on Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.

Our City Our Future – Rural Subdivision Policy 1998

This Policy has largely been superseded by later Council policies. The proposal is consistent with the general philosophies within this policy or is justifiably inconsistent given that the site is within an area now identified as having urban potential.

5. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable State Environmental Planning Policies?

Yes, the proposal is consistent with the following state policies:

SEPP 9 – Extractive Industry	The site is not identified as having a resource nor will its subdivision interfere with resource extraction identified within the SEPP.
SEPP 44 – Koala Habitat	There is no koala habitat on the site.
SEPP 55 – Remediation of Land	There is no past use of the land that would require a remediation plan being implemented.
SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008	The planning proposal does not include provisions that contradict of hinder the application of the SEPP.
SREP 20 Hawkesbury Nepean River	The proposal is not inconsistent with the strategies contained within SREP 20.

State Environmental Planning Policies and Sydney Regional Environmental Plans can be viewed at http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/scanact/inforce/NONE/0 by clicking on "S" within the "Browse in Force" "EPIs" section.

6. Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.117 directions)?

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, under section 117(2) of the EP&A Act issues directions that local councils must follow when preparing planning proposals for new local environmental plans. The directions cover the following broad categories:

- a. employment and resources
- b. environment and heritage
- c. housing, infrastructure and urban development
- d. hazard and risk
- e. regional planning
- f. local plan making.

The following section provides an assessment of the planning proposal against applicable Section 117 directions. A full copy of the directions can be viewed at

http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=dOkLhSFp9eo %3d&tabid=248&language=en-AU

Direction	Consistency	Comments
1.2 Rural Zones	Yes	The proposal is considered to be of minor significance only in terms of impact on the available rural zones and rural/agricultural lands. The site has not been used for any form of rural/agricultural use in the past other than light grazing and is currently required to be mechanically slashed to keep grass and weed infestation at bay.
		Due to the location of the site adjacent to other small lots and because of vegetation on part of it the site is arguably not conducive to productive agricultural use.
		As the proposal is only for two large lot housing lots, provides a community benefit and is considered to be of minor significance the proposal does not, in our view, warrant the preparation of a specific rural study particularly noting Council's Residential Strategy that identified sites such as this for village expansion.
3.1 Residential Yes Zones	Yes	The objectives of this direction are: (a) to encourage a variety and choice of housing types to provide for existing and future housing needs, (b) to make efficient use of existing infrastructure and services and ensure that new housing has appropriate access to infrastructure and services, and (c) to minimise the impact of residential development on the environment and resource lands.
		Subdivision of the land would allow for a variety of lot sizes and housing opportunities, enable connection to existing services and be of appropriate environmental impact.

3.4 Integrated Land Use and Transport	Yes	The proposed rezoning will have no impact on transport. Kurrajong is served by a local bus route and the proposal is of minor significance only. It is therefore considered that the proposal does not warrant the preparation of a specific study in accordance with this Direction.
4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils	Yes	The land is within that broad area in the locality covered by class 5 soil on Council's Acid Sulfate Soils Map within LEP 2012. The proposal is consistent with the Direction in that: No works are proposed with the subdivision or a subsequent dwellings that would require an assessment of soils. The draft LEP is of minor significance.
4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection	Yes	Matters of bushfire protection can be adequately incorporated into the subdivision including asset protection zones and management of vegetation.
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	Yes	The proposal is of minor local significance. There is no reason why any further development of the site would require consultation or referral procedures to be incorporated into the LEP. The proposal is therefore consistent with this Direction.
6.3 Site Specific Provisions	Yes	The proposal would maintain the existing zone within LEP 2012 but alter the Lot Size Map to accord generally with the subdivision proposal which would provide for a maximum lot yield. Additionally there is no need for any specific development standards to be incorporated into the LEP. The proposal therefore is able to satisfy this Direction.
		The planning proposal will not provide any unnecessary restrictive site specific planning controls.

Yes	Kurrajong Village is not mentioned within the Metropolitan Strategy and has no hierarchical status. It is not contained within the north-west growth centre.
	The proposal is of minor significance and reflects an appropriate low-scale development adjacent to an existing village and which is consistent with Council's Residential Strategy.
	The proposal is not inconsistent with the Metro Strategy and therefore complies with this Direction.
	Yes

Section C - Environmental, social and economic impact

7. Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

The site is cleared where residential development would take place. It is not likely that there would be any impact on flora/fauna.

8. Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

The following possible (but not probable) environmental effects are identified.

Water Quality

The proposal would rely on on-site disposal of effluent for each dwelling (existing and proposed). It is anticipated that appropriate on-site disposal systems can be designed for the site given the topography, grass cover and area available.

Bushfire Prone Land