DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING'S REPORT

ITEM 10.11 SF1541 150312 PLANNING PROPOSAL - SPLIT ZONE MINIMUM LOT SIZE AMENDMENT TO THE NAMBUCCA LEP 2010

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SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to ensure subdivision on Lots that contain split zones and different lot size may still be subdivided. This is particularly important in areas fringing Large Lot Residential and Rural Zones to ensure Council Local Growth Management Strategy Rural Residential Land can be implemented in accordance with its recommendations.

NOTE: This matter requires a "Planning Decision" referred to in Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993 requiring the General Manager to record the names of each Councillor supporting and opposing the decision

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 That Council proceed to amend the Nambucca LEP 2010 to ensure Lots in split zones may be subdivided in accordance with adopted strategies and minimum lot sizes.
- 2 That, pursuant to Clause 55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council staff prepare planning proposals that give effect to the above proposed amendments in accordance with Clause 56 of the Act, the Planning Proposals be forwarded to the Minster for Gateway Determination.
- That in the event that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure require minor changes or modifications to the above resolutions, the General Manager be authorised to concur with the required changes provided Council's intent in the above resolutions are achieved.

OPTIONS:

That Council not resolve to proceed in with this amendment and rely on existing controls.

DISCUSSION:

Clause 4.1 of the Nambucca LEP 2010 provides for the subdivision of land in the Nambucca Shire. In brief this clause states that any Lot resulting from the subdivision of Land must not be less than the minimum lots size shown on the Lot Size Maps. This clause is reproduced in full below.

Clause 4.1 Minimum subdivision lot size

- 1 The objectives of this clause are as follows:
 - a to encourage efficient use of land,
 - b to ensure the subdivision layout is compatible with the desired future character of the locality,
 - c to ensure land zoned R5 Large Lot Residential is developed in accordance with the Council's strategic planning framework for Nambucca.
- This clause applies to a subdivision of any land shown on the <u>Lot Size Map</u> that requires development consent and that is carried out after the commencement of this Plan.
- 3 The size of any lot resulting from a subdivision of land to which this clause applies is not to be less than the minimum size shown on the <u>Lot Size Map</u> in relation to that land.
- This clause does not apply in relation to the subdivision of individual lots in a strata plan or community title scheme.

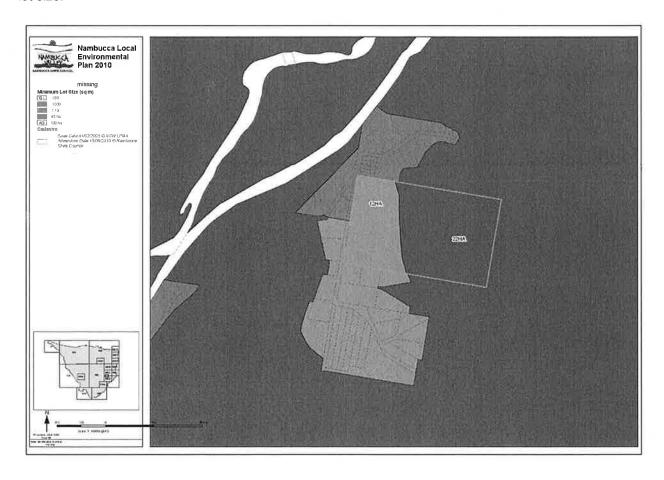
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- This clause does not apply in relation to the subdivision of land in Zone R1 General Residential, R2 Low Density Residential, R3 Medium Density Residential or R4 High Density Residential:
 - a if the land contains an existing dual occupancy, or
 - b for the purpose of erecting an attached dwelling or a semi-detached dwelling, or
 - c if a single development application is made for the subdivision of the land into 2 lots and for the erection of a dwelling house on each of the 2 resulting lots.

The issue with this clause is that on land containing a split zone with two (2) different Lot sizes the residue lot may not meet the minimum size requirements. It is anticipated that in many cases the larger lot size portion of a lot may already be below the minimum required by the Lot Size Map.

In the example below a R5 Large Lot Residential and RU2 Rural lot is split between 1ha and 40ha minimum lot size. As shown the 12ha R5 portion has the potential to be subdivided into 12 1ha Lots, where as the residue 22ha of rural land is restricted to 40ha in size. Arguably the subdivision of the land may be prohibited as any lot created containing the rural portion of land would be less than the minimum lot size.

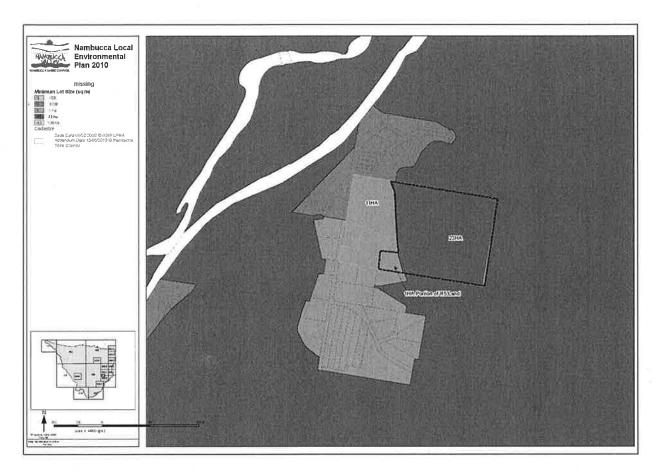


This has been highlighted as an issue with the standard clause and a number of Councils have adopted provisions to address this matter. Should Council consider a Clause to rectify this issue it would allow a split zone subdivision to occur as long as the residue lot contains a portion land from the primary subdivided land that is not less than the minimum lot size.

The following figure shows how the described clause may progress subdivision in the example.

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Council already has a provision in the Nambucca DCP 2010 to give effect to these types of subdivisions, however it needs to be re-examined and applied at the LEP level to ensure it is effective.

Council should consider split zone clauses adopted by other Councils which give effect to split zone subdivision and prepare a planning proposal for the Department of Planning to allow this to occur.

It is recommended the following clause be incorporated into the Nambucca LEP 2010

4.1B Minimum Subdivision lot sizes for certain split zones

- 1 The objectives of this clause are as follows:
 - a to provide for the subdivision of lots that are within more than one zone and cannot be subdivided under clause 4.1
 - b to ensure that the subdivision occurs in a manner that promotes suitable land use and development
- 2 This clause applies to each lot *an original lot) that contains:
 - a land in a residential, village, business, industrial or special uses zone, and
 - b land in RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, E2 Environmental Conservation or E3 Environmental Management zone.
- 3 Despite clause 4.1 development consent may be granted to subdivide an original lot to create other lots (the resulting lots) if:

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- a one of the resulting lots will contain:
 - land in a residential or village, zone that has an area that is not less than the minimum size shown on the lot size map in relation to that land or land in a business, industrial or special uses zone that has an area not less the 1000m²; and
 - ii all of the land in RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, E2 Environmental Conservation or E3 Environmental Management zone
- b all other resulting lots will contain land that has an area that is not less than the minimum size shown on the lot size map in relation to that land

CONSULTATION:

Director of Environment and Planning

SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT:

Environment

The proposed LEP amendment will assist implementation of Council Strategies such the Local Growth Management Strategy Rural Residential Lands. The proposed amendment is giving effect to zoning and lot size provisions already adopted, therefore the environmental impact of this amendment is limited.

Social

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Economic

The proposed LEP amendment will assist implementation of Council Strategies such the Local Growth Management Strategy Rural Residential Lands. The proposed amendment is giving effect to zoning and lot size provisions already adopted, therefore the economic impact of this amendment is limited.

Risk

Should Council not adopted the provisions as proposed, planning decisions on split zoned land may be subject legal interpretation and challenge.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Direct and indirect impact on current and future budgets

Nil the planning proposal will be prepared by Council Staff

Source of fund and any variance to working funds

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.

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TO: Executive Assistant (Barbara Parkins)

Subject:

Planning Proposal - Split Zone Minimum Lot Size Amendment to the

Nambucca LEP 2010

Target Date:

29/03/2012

Notes:

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SF1541 (2113/2012)

3480/12 **RESOLVED:** (Ainsworth/Court)

- 1 That Council proceed to amend the Nambucca LEP 2010 in accordance with the recommended Clause 4.1B to ensure Lots in split zones may be subdivided in accordance with adopted strategies and minimum lot sizes.
- That, pursuant to Clause 55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council staff prepare planning proposals that give effect to the above proposed amendments in accordance with Clause 56 of the Act, the Planning Proposals be forwarded to the Minster for Gateway Determination.
- That in the event that the Department of Planning and Infrastructure require minor changes or modifications to the above resolutions, the General Manager be authorised to concur with the required changes provided Council's intent in the above resolutions are achieved.

For the motion:

Councillors Hoban, Court, Ballangarry, Flack, Smyth, Finlayson, Ainsworth,

Moran and South

(Total 9)

Against the motion:

Nil

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