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BSCPP 15/002 – Private Native Forestry (16/91919)



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Mr Brett Whitworth
Executive Director Local Planning Liaison
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Whitworth

Re: Ballina Shire Council Planning Proposal (BSCPP 15/002) – Private Native Forestry

I refer to the Department's letter dated 2 June 2016 regarding Council's request for a Gateway review in relation to Council's planning proposal addressing private native forestry in Ballina Shire, and associated correspondence between Council and the Department on this matter.

The Department's view with respect to the planning proposal along with its suggestion that Council withdraw the planning proposal was considered by the elected Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 October 2016. At that meeting, the Council resolved as follows:

That Council withdraws planning proposal BSCPP 15/002 that seeks to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987 to require development consent to undertake private native forestry on land in certain zones within Ballina Shire.

Although Council remains of the view that it is possible to amend the Ballina LEP 1987 in a way that enables the achievement of the intent of the planning proposal, it is acknowledged that the Department does not share this position and the proposal is therefore unlikely to successfully progress. Having regard for the above, Council withdraws planning proposal BSCPP 15/002 Private Native Forestry from the Gateway review process.

Further to the above resolution, Council also resolved to write to the NSW Minister for Planning to clarify the Minister's position on private native forestry. A separate letter will be sent directly to the Minister in response to this resolution.

If you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact me on telephone 6686 1284.

Yours faithfully

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