

# MURRAY RIVER COUNCIL **DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 16 OCTOBER 2018

CLAUSE 3.

PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND MURRAY

**LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2011** 

PP 2017 MRIVE 001 00

AMENDMENT OF MURRAY LEP 2011 TO

INCLUDE 'RESTAURANT' AS AN ADDITIONAL

PERMITTED USE IN SCHEDULE 1

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council proceed with the Planning Proposal and send the Planning Proposal to the NSW Parliamentary Counsel's Office (PCO) requesting Parliamentary Counsel's opinion and drafting of a new Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Murray LEP 2011), in accordance with Planning Proposal PP 2017 MRIVE 001 00;

2. Once PCO Opinion is received, the General Manager exercise the Minister's functions under Section 3.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and make

(signs) the new Murray LEP 2011;

Council forward the new Murray LEP 2011 to NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for gazettal and online notification on the NSW Legislation Website.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At Murray River Council's Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2017, Council resolved that the subject 'Planning Proposal' be submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) with a request for Gateway Determination to amend the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Murray LEP 2011). The subject planning proposal seeks to amend the Murray LEP 2011 to include 'Restaurant' as an additional permitted use in Schedule 1. The subject land is currently identified as NSW crown waterway (Victorian side of the Murray River) at the current location of Commercial Licence cl 6224, Crown Reserve: r56146, Opposite: Lot 1 DP 903914, Forbes Street, Moama NSW 2731, Adjacent: Echuca Wharf, Echuca VIC 3564, Owner: NSW Department of Industry - Lands (NSW Crown Lands).

Council submitted the Planning Proposal to DPE on 18 August 2017 requesting a Gateway Determination be made. Council received a response from DPE dated 8 September 2017 requesting that the submitted Planning Proposal be amended prior to community consultation. Please see attached Gateway determination as Appendix 4. The Applicant subsequently supplied the amended Planning Proposal to Council on 22 January 2018. A copy of the amended Planning Proposal is attached as Appendix 5.

## **DISCUSSION:**

In accordance with the Gateway Determination, the Planning Proposal was referred to relevant authorities for approval. All authorities have supported the subject planning proposal. The Planning Proposal was publicly advertised for comment for 28 days, closing on 12 June 2018. No public submissions were received.

## TIMELINE:

The table below provides an overview of the timeline with respect to the lodgement and assessment of the planning proposal.

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#### SUBMISSIONS:

The table below provides an overview of responses received from relevant agencies.

Agencies

Agency	Response
NSW DPE	Gateway Determination received dated 8/09/2017 subject to conditions.
	Gateway requested the applicant provide amended planning proposal prior to community consultation.
	Community consultation required under sections 56(2)(c), 56(2)(d) and 57 of the Act.

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	No public hearing was required.
	Prior to submission, under section 59 of the Act final LEP maps must be prepared.
	Response received dated 12/09/2018 confirmed alteration of Gateway Determination extended timeframe for completing the LEP to 8 March 2019.
Shire of Campaspe	No major concerns and recognizes that an appropriate decision will be made.
	A planning permit would be required for the works required within Victoria.
VIC DELWP	Does not object to the permit being granted, however requested the floating restaurant be constructed in muted colours that complement the natural environment.
NSW DOI (Water)	Recommendations provided:  - Crown Lands and RMS should be contacted in relation to existing mooring/wharf structure and navigational issues.  - If this activity results in the need for additional infrastructure and disturbance on the river bank, consideration would need to be given to the requirements of the Guidelines for Controlled Activities on Waterfront Land (DPI 2012).
MDBA	Concluded the proposed activity, in isolation, is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on the flow, use, control or quality of water in the River Murray.
	The proponent needs to be aware that the MDBA has responsibility to regulate the River Murray and cannot guarantee water levels. As part of river operations variation in river levels, both up and downstream, may become more pronounced, or average levels may significantly change.
NSW OEH (Environment)	As access will be from the Victorian side of the river, there are no concerns.
NSW OEH (Heritage)	No objection is raised to the proposed amendment to Murray LEP 2011.  Note: any works within the State Heritage Register curtilage of 'Moama Historic Precinct' would require an approval from the Heritage Council of NSW prior to any works being undertaken.
NSW DOI (Crown Lands)	No objection to the proposal providing any developments on the site are referred to the Department for comment or consent as Landowner.
NSW DPI (Fisheries)	No objection to the proposed amendment to Murray LEP.
NSW RMS (Maritime)	No objection to the proposed amendment to Murray LEP.

## **PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**:

No responses were received in respect to this proposal.

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## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

It is noted if the planning proposal is supported, the Murray LEP 2011 will be amended to include 'Restaurant' as an additional permitted use in Schedule 1. This is considered an appropriate outcome as outlined in all previous documentation.

#### **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

## LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS:

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#### **RISK ANALYSIS:**

Not applicable.

#### CONCLUSION:

It is considered that the Planning Proposal is a suitable outcome for the Council. The planning proposal is consistent with the objects of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 and will allow for the sustainable and economic use of the subject land within Murray River Council. The planning proposal is not inconsistent with the aims of the Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 or any other Environmental Planning Instrument relevant to the Council. The Planning Proposal has been notified to the public, and submissions received have been considered and addressed appropriately. All conditions of the Gateway Determination have been complied with (it is noted that Council staff are finalising the final LEP Maps in accordance with Condition 5. These maps are to be compliant with DPE's 'Standard Technical Requirements for Spatial Datasets and Maps 2015). It is therefore recommended Council proceed with the proposal in accordance with the recommendations at the start of this report.

### ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Gateway Determination (Appendix 4)
- 2. Amended Planning Proposal (Appendix 5)
- 3. Amended Gateway (Appendix 6)