

# Draft LEP Amendment No. 222

### Planning Proposal for Part of Lot 8 DP 12676, Eviron Road, Eviron

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### Part 1 Objectives and intended outcomes

This Planning Proposal seeks site-specific amendment to the Tweed Local Environmental Plan 2014 (LEP 2014) in relation to land known as Part of Lot 8 DP 12676 at Eviron Road, Eviron. The purpose of this amendment is to enable development of a dwelling house on the subject land.

A report to the Tweed Shire Council's Planning Committee meeting of 7 April 2016 recommended:

- 1. A planning proposal pursuant to s.55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, seeking to facilitate development of a dwelling house on Lot 8 DP 12676, at Eviron Road, Eviron be prepared and submitted for a Gateway Determination, as administered by the NSW Department of Planning & Environment;
- 2. The Minister for Planning or their Delegate be advised that Tweed Council is not seeking plan making delegations for the planning proposal;
- 3. The Minister for Planning or their Delegate be advised that the minimum exhibition period for this Planning Proposal should be 14 days;
- 4. On receipt of the Minister's Gateway Determination Notice to proceed any 'conditional' requirements of the Minister and any other study or work required by Council for the purpose of making a proper determination of the lands suitability are to be completed, and included within the public exhibition material;
- 5. That the planning proposal be publicly exhibited in accordance with the Gateway Determination; and
- 6. Following public exhibition of the Planning Proposal a report is to be submitted to Council detailing the content of submissions received and any proposed amendment(s).

### Part 2 Explanation of provisions

It is proposed to enable the intended outcome through the following amendments to the Tweed LEP 2014 Tweed LEP 2014:

- Amendment to the map pursuant to Clause 2.5 (Additional Permitted Land Uses Map) to identify land subject to this Planning Proposal as item number 13, and
- Inclusion of an additional item in Schedule 1, generally in the following terms:

"Item 12: Use of certain land at Eviron Road, Eviron:

- (1) This clause applies to Part of Lot 8 DP 12676 located at Eviron Road, Eviron, identified as "16" on the Additional Permitted Uses Map.
- (2) Development for the purpose of a dwelling house is permitted with development consent.

The intended outcome, being the proposed amendment to Tweed LEP 2014, referred to Item 12 above, will enable development of a dwelling house on the subject land, despite lack of compliance with the minimum lot size requirements provided under Clause 4.2B of the LEP.

### Part 3 Justification

### Section A Need for the planning proposal

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

There is no local or state strategic study or report that specifically references the subject site. Relationship and consistency of this Planning Proposal with the wider strategic planning framework is discussed within Section B of this Part of the document.

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

The intended outcome of this Planning Proposal can only be achieved through a site-specific amendment to the Tweed LEP 2014 to permit *dwelling house*, with consent.

### Section B Relationship to strategic planning framework

1 Is the planning proposal consistent with the objectives and actions contained within the applicable regional or sub-regional strategy (including the Sydney Metropolitan Strategy and exhibited draft strategies)?

This section of the Planning Proposal justifies consistency of expected outcomes with provisions of the Far North Coast Regional Strategy (FNCRS) 2006-2031.

Relationship with, and consistency of this Regional Strat	Planning Proposal with the Far North Coast egy 2006-2031
Consistency with the aims of the Strategy: One of the aims of the FNCRS is to provide appropriately located rural residential opportunities around existing settlements.	Consistent: The proposal seeks to enable the development of a single dwelling house within an established rural residential area, located approximately 1km from Nunderi rural residential settlement.
Consistency with the Regional Strategy Map: The subject land is mapped as "Environmental Assets and Rural Land" on the Regional Strategy Map. According to the provisions of the FNCRS, this land should be protected from urban development other than appropriately planned rural residential development.	Consistent: The land was subdivided in 1923 and was seemingly for a rural residential purpose, as evidenced through the development of adjoining lands. This Planning Proposal does not seek to expand the rural residential land. Instead, it seeks to enable development on land which is within the established subdivision, but owing to changes in the planning laws in 1966 has been deprived on its dwelling entitlement.
Consistency with the actions of the FNCRS:	
<ol> <li>Rural subdivision will not be permitted to fragment valuable farmland and reduce its productive potential.</li> </ol>	Consistent: The proposal does not involve rural subdivision. It seeks to enable development of a dwelling house on land subdivided in the past for a rural residential development purpose.
<ol> <li>New development adjoining or adjacent to farmland, extractive resources, waterways, wetlands, and areas of high biodiversity value will incorporate buffers to avoid land use conflict.</li> </ol>	Consistent: The size, dimensions and location of the subject land enables accommodating buffers from the adjoining State and Regionally Significant Farmland.
<ol> <li>Local environmental plans will include minimum subdivision standards for rural and environment protection zones, include provisions to limit dwellings in the rural and environmental zones, and not include provisions to permit concessional</li> </ol>	Consistent: The proposal seeks to retain the existing subdivision standards and to include a provision (through Schedule 1 Additional Permitted Uses) allowing development of a single dwelling house on subject land.

	allotments.	
4.	Future rural residential land will only be released in accordance with a Local Growth Management Strategy agreed to by council and the Department of Planning, and consistent with the Settlement Planning Guidelines.	Consistent: The proposal does not seek to release new rural residential land.
5.	Planning for rural residential land must be integrated with the supply of relevant infrastructure and transport provision.	Consistent. This proposal involves consideration to availability of infrastructure and transport provisions. The proposal affects land located within already established rural residential area.
6.	Local environmental plans will protect and zone land with State or regional environmental, agricultural, vegetation, habitat, waterway, wetland or coastline values.	Consistent. This proposal does not affect land with State or regional environmental, agricultural, vegetation, habitat, waterway, wetland or coastline values.
7.	Local environmental plans will not zone land within the Environmental Assets and Rural Land area to permit urban purposes, other than rural residential development.	Consistent. This proposal does not seek to amend zoning but to permit a single dwelling on an established lot.
	Existing and future rural residential development will be located in this area, but not where it conflicts or coincides with the attributes or values listed above.	

Table 1: Relationship with, and consistency of this Planning Proposal with the Far North Coast Regional Strategy 2006-2031.

### 2 Is the planning proposal consistent with the local Council's Community Strategic Plan, or other local strategic plan?

Council has adopted the Tweed Community Strategic Plan (TSCP) 2013/2023. The plan is based on four key themes being Civic Leadership, Supporting Community Life, Strengthening the Economy, and Caring for the Environment. The planning proposal is generally consistent with the relevant Objectives identified in Table 1:

#### Table 1. Consistency with objectives of the Tweed Community Strategic Plan 2013-2023.

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1.5.3	The Tweed Local Environmental Plan will be reviewed and updated as required to ensure it provides an effective statutory framework to meet the needs of the Tweed community.	Consistent. Current provisions of the LEP prohibit development of a dwelling house on subject land, despite its subdivision for that purpose in the past.
3.2	Retain prime agricultural land, farm viability, manage rural subdivision and associated landscape impacts	Consistent. This Planning Proposal does not affect land mapped as prime agricultural land or used for commercial farming. It seeks to enable development of a dwelling house on land subdivided for rural residential development in 1923.

### 3 Is the planning proposal consistent with the applicable State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs)?

#### SEPP No 55 – Remediation of Land

This SEPP considers that land which is known to be contaminated by past land uses can still be zoned for development as long as:

- (a) the planning authority has considered whether the land is contaminated, and
- (b) if the land is contaminated, the planning authority is satisfied that the land is suitable in its contaminated state (or will be suitable, after remediation) for all the purposes for which land in the zone concerned is permitted to be used, and
- (c) if the land requires remediation to be made suitable for any purpose for which land in that zone is permitted to be used, the planning authority is satisfied that the land will be so remediated before the land is used for that purpose.

The site inspection and review of historic aerial photographs indicate that although the subject land is cleared of native vegetation, it has not been recently used for commercial agriculture. Therefore the risk of contamination present on the site is assessed as very low, land contamination from past uses is not a significant concern and the planning proposal is considered consistent with provisions of this SEPP.

A relevant site contamination report may be requested at the development assessment stage.

### SEPP No 14 Coastal Wetlands, SEPP No 26 Littoral Rainforests, SEPP No 44 Koala Habitat Protection and SEPP No 71 – Coastal Protection

The subject site, part of Lot 8 DP 12676, is not subject to any of these SEPPs.

#### SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

The aim of this Policy is to facilitate the effective delivery of infrastructure across the State.

Preliminary, internal review of the Planning Proposal indicates that the site will rely on water harvesting and on-site sewage. No impact on State infrastructure is anticipated at this stage.

#### SEPP (Rural Lands) 2008

This Planning Proposal is consistent with this SEPP as it aims to retain rural zoning and existing subdivision standards. Development of a single dwelling house will enable opportunities for current and potential productive use of this land for agriculture as a small, or hobby farm.

As outlined in table on the following pages, this Planning Proposal is consistent with the Rural Planning Principles provided within this SEPP: it does not limit potential economic activities on subject site, it applies to land with no biodiversity or environmental values, it enables opportunities for rural lifestyle that may contribute to social and economic welfare of the rural community, considers infrastructure needs and is consistent with the Far North Coast Regional Strategy.

This Planning Proposal does not involve subdivision of land.

### 4 Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s117 Directions)?

The Planning proposal is consistent with the Ministerial s117 Directions, as outlined in the following table.

Tab	ole 2- Consistency w	vith s117(2) Directions		
S11	7 Direction	Application	Relevance to this planning proposal	Consistency with direction
1. Res	Employment and ources			
1.1	Business and Industrial Zones		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
1.2	Rural Zones	<u>Objectives:</u> The objective of this direction is to protect the agricultural production value of rural land. <u>Application:</u> Clause 4(a) is applicable to this planning proposal.	Applies as this planning proposal affects land within the RU2 Rural Landscape zone. This planning proposal does not intend to rezone the land from rural to another zone. Also, this planning proposal does not aim to increase the permissible density as the current zoning allows for development of a single dwelling house.	Consistent.
1.3	Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
1.4	Oyster Aquaculture		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
1.5	Rural Lands	<u>Objectives:</u> To protect the agricultural production value of rural land and to facilitate the orderly and economic development of rural lands for rural and related purposes. <u>Application:</u> Applies to all planning proposals to which SEPP (Rural Lands) 2008 applies, including Tweed Shire.	This Planning Proposal is consistent with the Rural Planning Principles: it does not limit potential economic activities on subject site, it applies to land with no biodiversity or environmental values, it enables opportunities for rural lifestyle that may contribute to social and economic welfare of the rural community, considers infrastructure needs and is consistent with the FNCRS. This Planning Proposal does not involve subdivision of land.	Consistent.
	Environment and Heritage			
2.1	Environment Protection		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A

Та	ble 2- Consistency w	vith s117(2) Directions		
S1	17 Direction	Application	Relevance to this planning proposal	Consistency with direction
	Zones			
2.2	Coastal Protection		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
2.3	Heritage Conservation		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
2.4	Recreation Vehicle Areas		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
2.5	Application of E2 and E3 Zones and Environmental Overlays in Far North Coast LEPs		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
3.	Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1	Residential Zones		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
3.2	Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
3.3	Home Occupations		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
3.4	Integrating Land Use and Transport		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
3.5	Development Near Licensed Aerodrome		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
3.6	Shooting Ranges		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
4.	Hazard and Risk			
4.1	Acid Sulfate Soils	Applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that will apply to land having a probability of containing acid sulfate soils as shown on the Acid	The subject site is identified on the Tweed LEP 2014 Acid Sulfate Soils Map as containing class 2 and class 5 acid sulfate soils. The proposed dwelling is to be located on land mapped as class 5.	Consistent

Table 2- Consistency with s117(2) Directions				
S117 Direction	Application	Relevance to this planning proposal	Consistency with direction	
	Sulfate Soils Planning Maps.	Development of a single dwelling is unlikely to cause a disturbance of acid sulfate soils. This impact will be assessed at the DA stage.		
4.2 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A	
4.3 Flood Prone Land	Applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that creates, removes or alters a zone or a provision that affects flood prone land.	The majority of the site is located outside of an ARI 100 year flood area, however part of the southern portion of the lot, including the proposed site of the dwelling house, is identified within Council's mapping as being subject to flooding. The inconsistency with the direction is justified as Section 1.5 of Council's 'Policy – Flood Risk Management', developed in accordance with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual, identifies that residents within flood-prone areas can relocate to flood free areas as a result of the natural topography of the site, resulting in the Planning Proposal being acceptable for further consideration.	Inconsistent, but justified against Tweed Valley Floodplain Risk Management Policy, prepared consistently with the NSW Floodplain Development Manual.	
4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection	Applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that will affect, or is in proximity to land mapped as bushfire prone land.	A small portion of the land is mapped as vegetation buffer of 100m from Vegetation Category 1. To satisfy requirements of Ministerial Directions provided under Section 117 of the <i>Environmental Planning &amp; Assessment Act 1979</i> , this Planning Proposal will be further consulted with NSW Rural Fire Service, to assess its consistency with <i>Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006</i> guidelines.	This planning proposal has been consulted with NSW RFS. No objections were raised by the RFS in their response to Council.	
5. Regional Planning				
5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies	Planning proposals must be consistent with a regional strategy released by the Minister for Planning.	Consistency of this Planning Proposal with the FNCRS has been demonstrated in Section B 1 above.	Consistent	
5.2 Sydney Drinking Water Catchments		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A	
5.3 Farmland of State and Regional Significance on the NSW Far North Coast	Applies (to Tweed) when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal for land mapped as: State significant farmland, regionally significant farmland, or significant non-contiguous farmland.	This Planning Proposal applies to land that is fundamentally located outside of the area mapped as State significant farmland, in that the extent of overlap is considered to be a mapping anomaly given the bisection of and lack of continuity arising from the highway, as evidenced in the imagery provided. In any event the proposal to site a	Consistent	

Table 2- Consistency v	vith s117(2) Directions		
S117 Direction	Application	Relevance to this planning proposal	Consistency with direction
		dwelling is such that it will not have any impact on that part of the land.	
5.4 Commercial and Retail Development along the Pacific Hwy, North Coast		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
5.8 Second Sydney Airport: Badgerys Creek		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
5.9 North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
6.Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
6.3 Site Specific Provisions	Applies when a relevant planning authority prepares a planning proposal that will allow a particular development to be carried out.	The planning proposal seeks to permit development of a dwelling house, currently prohibited due to noncompliance with the Tweed LEP 2014 Lot Size Map. Permitting a dwelling on an established lot is of less impact or change than amending zoning or lot sizes, which could later the character of the large lot subdivision. The planning proposal does not contain schematic drawings.	Justifiably inconsistent – provisions of this planning proposal are of minor significance.
7. Metropolitan Planning			
7.1 Implementation of A Plan for Growing Sydney		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A
7.2 Implementation of Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation		Not relevant to this Planning Proposal	N/A

### Section C Environmental, Social and Economic Impact

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

No impact on critical habitat, threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats has been identified at this stage. As documented on aerial photography provided within Part 4 of this document, the site is entirely cleared of native vegetation. Review of historic aerial photographs indicates that the site has been cleared at least since 1962.

According to Council's environmental mapping database, the site is classified as *highly modified/disturbed* and *substantially cleared of native vegetation*.

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

### Aboriginal heritage

A search of the Aboriginal cultural heritage mapping and database indicated that there are no Aboriginal objects or places registered with the Office of the Environment and Heritage as Registered AHIMS (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) Sites. In addition, most of this land is cleared of vegetation. Preliminary review carried out by Council considered that is highly unlikely that the rezoning and development of the site would impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage. Council's Community Development Officer – Aboriginal, advised of no concern in regard to the proposal.

A copy of the AHIMS search records have been appended to this planning proposal, as requested by NSW Planning & Environment in their Gateway determination issued on 16 March 2016.

### European Heritage

The heritage database provided under Schedule 5 of the Tweed LEP 2014 indicated that no items of non-Indigenous/European heritage significance are known within or immediately adjoining the subject site. No impacts are anticipated.

#### Visual amenity

The Planning Proposal seeks to enable development of a single dwelling on land located within a well-established rural residential area. Impacts of this development on visual amenity should be insignificant.

Considering the presence and nature of surrounding rural and rural residential development, further rural residential development in this area would be appropriate and be consistent with the character of the area.

#### Contamination of land

As discussed under Part 3 Section B of this Planning Proposal, Council will request a preliminary site contamination investigation to be prepared and provided for public exhibition.

### 3 How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The Planning Proposal is not expected to generate any significant adverse social or economic impacts. The proposal will enable development of single dwelling on subject site.

### Section DState and Commonwealth interests

#### 1 Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

Consistent with other dwellings in the area, the subject site will have to rely on water harvesting and on-site sewage management system.

### 2 What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination?

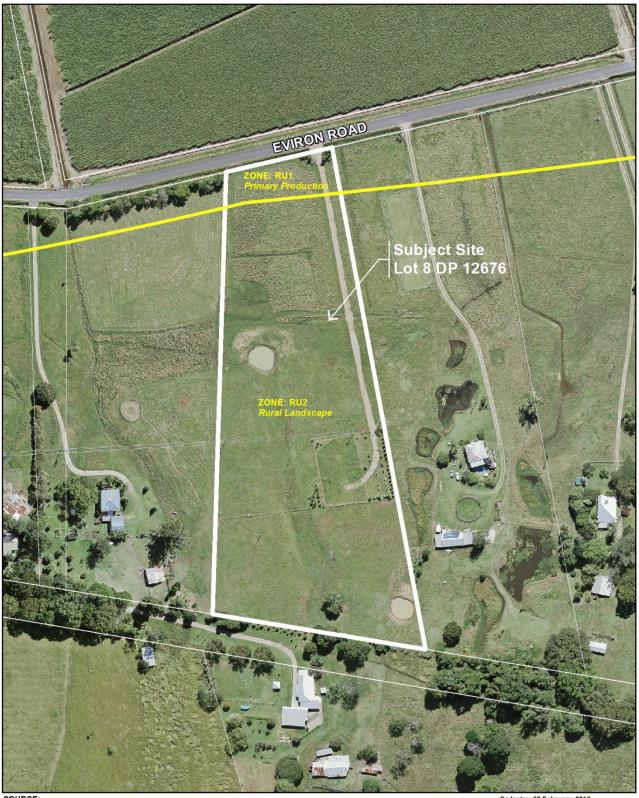
The Gateway determination, issued on 16 March 2016, included a requirement to consult this planning proposal with the following public authorities: NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

A copy of the planning proposal was sent to these public authorities on 18 March 2016. A response was received from NSW RFS on 14 April 2016; no objections to the planning proposal were raised. No response was received from NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

### Part 4 Mapping



Fig 1: Locality Plan



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### Fig 2: Aerial photography

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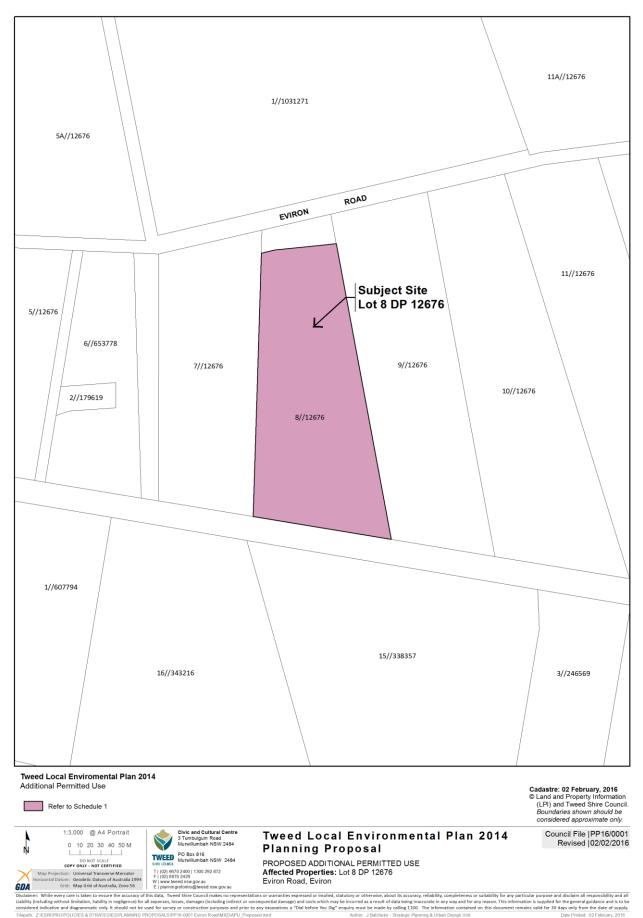


Fig 3: Proposed changes to Tweed LEP 2014 Additional Permitted Uses Map

### Part 5 Community consultation

The Gateway determination, issued on 16 March 2016 classified this planning proposal as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning and Infrastructure 2013)* and must be made publicly available for a minimum of 14 days.

The public exhibition stage commenced on 23 March and concluded on 8 April 2016. During that period, the planning proposal was available for inspection at Council's offices at Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads, and on Council's website through the link 'On Exhibition'. The public exhibition was advertised in Council's Tweed Link of 22 March 2016. A notification letter was sent to adjoining landowners.

In total, two submissions were received from the residents of Eviron, who objected to the planning proposal on the grounds of impacts that the development of the dwelling house may have on neighbourhood amenity. A summary of these submissions, planning response and recommendations are included within Council report of 5 May 2016.

### **Summary and conclusions**

The objective and intended outcome of this planning proposal is to enable development of a single dwelling house on land referred to as Part of Lot 8 DP 12 676 located at Eviron Road, Eviron as infill within the already established surrounding rural residential development.

The preferred method to achieve this outcome is an amendment to Schedule 1 of LEP 2014 allowing development of a dwelling house despite the 40 ha subdivision control applying to the site.

This Planning Proposal was subject to state agency and community consultation. Two submissions received from Eviron residents were reported to Councillors on 5 May 2016. Submission received from NSW RFS did not raise any objections to this planning proposal.

### Part 6 Timeframe and information checklist

Task	Timeframe	Completed
Council Planning Committee meeting	March 2016	
Referral of the Planning Proposal for Gateway determination	March 2016	
Gateway Determination	April 2016	16 March 2016
Undertake requirements of the Gateway Determination and prepare V2 Planning Proposal	April 2016	22 March 2016
Public exhibition	May 2016	23 Mar – 8 Apr 2016
Agency consultation	May 2016	21 Mar – 11 Apr
Review submissions, respond and prepare V3 Planning Proposal for Council's consideration	May/June 2016	13 April 2016
Council report to finalise and refer the plan to the DPE to be made	July 2016	15 April 2016
Referral of the Plan to the DPE for making	May 2016	
Plan to be made within 9 months of Gateway	Yes	

### **Appendix 1**

Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System - Search Result



AHIMS Web Services (AWS) Search Result

Purchase Order/Reference : Reference number Client Service ID : 216502

Date: 16 March 2016

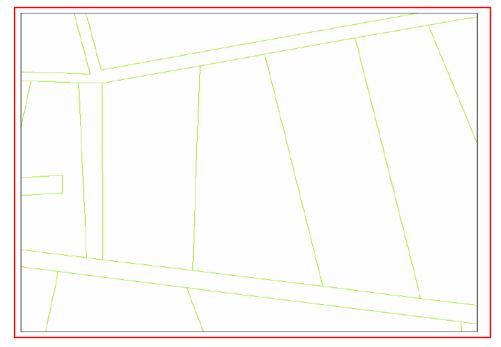
Tweed Shire Council PO Box 816 Murwillumbah New South Wales 2484 Attention: David Hannah

Email: dhannah@tweed.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lot : 8, DP:DP12676 with a Buffer of 50 meters, conducted by David Hannah on 16 March 2016.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of the Office of the Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

0 Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.	
0 Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location. *	

#### If your search shows Aboriginal sites or places what should you do?

- You must do an extensive search if AHIMS has shown that there are Aboriginal sites or places recorded in the search area.
- If you are checking AHIMS as a part of your due diligence, refer to the next steps of the Due Diligence Code of
  practice.
- You can get further information about Aboriginal places by looking at the gazettal notice that declared it. Aboriginal places gazetted after 2001 are available on the NSW Government Gazette (http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette) website. Gazettal notices published prior to 2001 can be obtained from Office of Environment and Heritage's Aboriginal Heritage Information Unit upon request

#### Important information about your AHIMS search

- The information derived from the AHIMS search is only to be used for the purpose for which it was requested. It is not be made available to the public.
- AHIMS records information about Aboriginal sites that have been provided to Office of Environment and Heritage and Aboriginal places that have been declared by the Minister;
- Information recorded on AHIMS may vary in its accuracy and may not be up to date .Location details are
  recorded as grid references and it is important to note that there may be errors or omissions in these
  recordings,
- Some parts of New South Wales have not been investigated in detail and there may be fewer records of Aboriginal sites in those areas. These areas may contain Aboriginal sites which are not recorded on AHIMS.
- Aboriginal objects are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 even if they are not recorded as a site on AHIMS.
- This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.



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