

# Planning Proposal

# The Halloran Trust [Landowner]



# Culburra Beach; Callala Bay and Kinghorne Point

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### **Executive Summary**

During Shoalhaven City Council's Special Development Committee consideration of reports on the Draft Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2013, the Committee, with the full delegation of Council, resolved to defer lands owned by Mr Warren Halloran and his associated companies from the draft LEP. This deferral was predicated upon the preparation and determination of a master plan or overall approach for the use of the extensive land holdings under Mr Halloran's control.

The Resolution of Council Special Development Committee states (see Attachment One for full copy):

Recommendation 9.2

MOTION: Moved: Watson I Second: Guile

RESOLVED that the Special Development Committee, in accordance with its delegated authority, a) Receive the submissions regarding Culburra Beach Expansion Area and Lake Wollumboola for information; and

b) Defer the zoning of all the Halloran landholdings within the Shoalhaven until a master plan or overall approach for Halloran land has been prepared and considered.

Voting: For – Tribe, Robertson, Kearney, Anstiss, Baptist, Guile, Watson, White, Russ Pigg. Against - Findley

Recommendation 9.3

RESOLVED that the Special Development Committee, in accordance with its delegated authority: a) Receive the submissions outlined in Table 9.3 for information;

b) Rezone Lot 1 DP 614607, East Crescent, Culburra Beach once the land is in Council's ownership;

c) Defer the zoning of Copper Cup Point and Kinghorne Point until a master plan or overall approach for Halloran land has been prepared and considered; and

d) Retain the remaining zones at "Kinghorne Point" as exhibited.

Voting: For – Tribe, Robertson, Kearney, Anstiss, Baptist, Guile, Watson, White, Russ Pigg. Against - Findley

While these two resolutions related to the consideration of specific reports on the Culburra Beach Expansion area, East Crescent Culburra Beach, Copper Cup Point and Kinghorne Point, the resolutions state that all Halloran landholdings be deferred. This deferral includes lands not only at the above locations but also at Long Bow Point, Lake Wollumboola and Callala Bay. A complete list of affected lands is provided as **Attachment Two** of this Planning Proposal. The land owned by Mr Halloran at the Millallen Estate (e.g. Lot 53 DP 1033684 & Lot 2 DP 1094024) was not included in the land deferred from LEP2014.

The lands referred to in this Planning Proposal were in the name of Mr Warren Halloran or in companies controlled by him at the time of that resolution. Ownership of this land has been transferred to a charitable trust – The Halloran Trust.

The Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan, 2014 became effective on 22 April 2014 and the lands in the Halloran holdings have all been deferred from this LEP so that the provisions of the Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan, 1985 remain effective to allow lodgement of this master plan Planning Proposal into the LEP gateway process. **Attachment Three** provides a copy of the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure's advice in this regard, and states that the Planning Proposal is to be lodged by 29 August 2014 or consideration will be given to pursuing the publicly exhibited draft zones for the holding.



Given the short timeframe, and as discussed and agreed with both the DPE (Mr Brett Whitworth) & SCC (Mr Gordon Clark) the preparation and submission of necessary supporting studies (e.g. Bushfire, Threatened Species, Traffic impacts etc.) will be made after Council has determined whether to support the planning proposal through to the LEP Gateway.

A Part 3A application is currently with the Department of Planning & Environment for determination over lands within The Halloran Trust holdings – MP09\_0088 (West Culburra Expansion area) and a Part 4 development application is with Shoalhaven City Council for a golf course on land at Long Bow Point – DA11/1728. Both of these areas are included in this Planning Proposal. This Planning Proposal embodies the terms "master plan" and "overall approach" used in the resolutions of Council.

The aim of this Planning Proposal therefore is to determine:

- (i) the potential for urban development in areas west of the existing Culburra Beach township and generally north of the catchment extent of Lake Wollumboola, consistent with Council's resolution of 26 June 2012 (Recommendation 16);
- (ii) the potential for an area for urban development further investigation within the catchment of Lake Wollumboola to Culburra Road;
- (iii) the potential for low environmental impact community recreation zone with private conservation areas, consistent with Council's resolution of 26 June 2012;
- (iv) the potential for urban development west of Callala Bay east of Callala Bay Road; and
- (v) to identify land that will be preserved through long term conservation as National Park land is proposed to be gifted to the State Government by Mr Halloran.

The overall Master Plan strategy is provided on Map 3 following, with maps provided for each study area individually in Attachment 7.

The current position in terms of applications approved or underdetermined and with Council or Department of Planning & Environment are provided on Map 2. This map illustrates the general location & layout of the Part 3A concept plan for West Culburra currently with the State Government awaiting determination and the original Golf Course application which is with Shoalhaven City Council awaiting determination.

The offsets for these projects have been identified as follows:

- The offsets for the Part 3A proposal are lands at Sussex Inlet located around Tullawalla Lagoon, Tullawalla Creek and St Georges Basin. This land links two separate areas of Conjola National Park and supports significant ecosystems. This land has been subject to a rezoning request associated with One Tree Bay and has been subject to numerous ecological studies in the past.
- The offsets for the current golf course DA proposal are lands contained within the golf course
  precinct including Wattle Creek, Downes Creek and a 2.5km long foreshore zone with frontage
  to Lake Wollumboola. This land will remain with the owner and be subject to a long term
  conservation agreement. In addition, certain lands at East Crescent will be transferred to
  Shoalhaven City Council and land at Worrowing Heights will be transferred to National Parks.
  These lands have very high ecological value and preliminary discussions have been held with
  Shoalhaven City Council regarding the acceptability of this land to Council.

Each study area covered by this Master Plan is addressed separately within Section 3 of this Planning Proposal as Parts 2 – Explanation of Provisions, Part 3 Justification in terms of Questions 1 through 3 and Part 4 Mapping have been combined due to the complexity of issues associated with individual study



areas (particularly Culburra expansion area). The remaining Justification Questions 4 through 11 are addressed following those individual reviews, under Section 6.

This planning proposal seeks to be generally consistent with the South Coast Regional Strategy, including the SCRS Sustainability Criteria and the recommendations of the Sensitive Urban Lands Review panel, along with the provisions of the Jervis Bay Settlement Strategy. However, there are some potential inconsistencies seeking consideration for further investigation or alternative land use options based upon a significant area of land being retained for long term conservation and other offset lands within the region.

Aspects of this Planning Proposal that Council or the Department of Planning & Environment may see as inconsistent with the SCRS or JBSS are:

- Urban expansion is proposed within the catchment of the Crookhaven River which was not identified by Shoalhaven City Council in DLEP2013 as residential, or identified under the JBSS for residential purposes;
- An investigation area for potential urban development within the catchment of Lake Wollumboola north of Culburra Road; and
- Low environmental impact community recreation and conservation lands at Long Bow Point for a golf course and long term conservation in private ownership;

These potential inconsistencies are predicated upon the basis that some non-urban development can occur within the catchment of Lake Wollumboola without significant adverse impact upon the water quality of the lake. This determination is based upon two reports prepared in light of the Commission of Inquiry on Long Bow Point and the Sensitive Urban Review Panel recommendations (Simmons, Beveridge and Maheshwari, 2009 and O'Loughlin & Robinson 2008).









Figure 2 - Map 1 - Existing Part 3A application & Part 4 Applications or approvals – for further application detail see relevant study area sections of this planning proposal

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Figure 3 - Map 2 - Planning Proposal Broad Land Uses (detailed individual study area maps are provided as Attachment 7)



### 1. Introduction

This Planning Proposal seeks to provide direction for the future use of lands under the control of The Halloran Trust, effectively as a master plan. This will involve both Shoalhaven City Council (SCC) and the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) in the resolution of the zoning of these lands, taking into account appropriate development offsets and infrastructure provisioning to facilitate that future development.

The pertinent points of this Planning Proposal are:

- Land is within a single ownership which facilitates a long term planning solution;
- Part of the land represents the only possible opportunity to determine the future of Culburra Beach as a higher order centre;
- The land is mostly suitable for some form of development, acknowledging that the matter of securing water quality in both Lake Wollumboola and the Crookhaven River / Curleys Bay is a priority consideration;
- Provision of integration of land uses including areas to be conserved and areas to be allocated for development;
- Integration of infrastructure provisions for the Wollumboola sub-region;
- Integration of provision of social infrastructure;
- This Planning Proposal results in the eradication of old "paper" subdivisions which are an unresolved planning issue for Council;
- The majority of the land is well above the 1:100 year flood level and the potential sea-rise level anticipated with global warming;
- The land is dominantly xeric woodland, last cleared in 1920;
- The aim of the Master Plan is to protect and ensure that the water quality of Lake Wollumboola is not adversely impacted by urban development;

Council resolved to defer the land holdings of Mr Halloran (now The Halloran Trust) from the Draft Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2013, to enable a master plan approach to be devised and this planning proposal provides that methodology.

The purpose of the Planning Proposal is:

- To achieve an optimal land use plan which balances conservation with urban development;
- To provide certainty of land use potential for the owner;
- To promote employment opportunities at Culburra Beach;
- To provide a range of residential environments and densities, appropriate to this coastal location;
- To diversify the range of tourist and recreation facilities available to visitors and residents by identifying appropriate sites;
- To establish Culburra Beach as a significant town in terms of the range of services and facilities that will be available.
- To ensure integration of infrastructure provision in the Wollumboola sub-region;
- To ensure integration of social infrastructure provision in the Wollumboola sub-region;
- To protect the marine / mesic vegetation ecologies that border Lake Wollumboola;
- To provide sites for tourist / visitor accommodation within the ownership;
- To provide sites for residential development at different densities i.e. standard, medium and higher residential density; and



• To identify and conserve areas of ecological and / or scenic and / or archaeological significance.

### 1.1 Location

The lands, which are the subject of this planning proposal, consist of numerous allotments totalling approximately 1681.5 hectares over three localities bounding the Jervis Bay National Park, at Culburra Beach / Wollumboola, Kinghorne and Callala Bay / Wollumboola. Total number of allotments in the three localities comprise approximately 1445 individual allotments in one ownership.

The individual allotment details are provided in Attachment Two of this proposal; locality sketches are provided as Figures 1 - 3 following.



Figure 4 – Culburra Beach - Long Bow Point - Copper Cup Point Wollumboola ©Lands 2012

The lands at West Culburra / Wollumboola are essentially bound by Coonemia Road in the west and Canal St East / West Crescent to the east. The Crookhaven River and Curleys Bay provide the northern boundary of the area and the Jervis Bay National Park provides the southern boundary. The land is bisected by Culburra Road, and is within the catchment of both the Crookhaven River / Curleys Bay and Lake Wollumboola.

The Culburra / Wollumboola area is comprised of 22 allotments in the ownership of The Halloran Trust, totalling approximately 1,117 hectares.

The lands at Callala Bay / Wollumboola (Figure 5) are located north of the village of Callala Bay adjacent to the intersection of Forest Road and Coonemia Road extending through to the village itself. The Jervis Bay National Park adjoins this locality from the north west through to the south east.