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1 Introduction

This Planning Proposal (PP) seeks to extinguish Council's interests in land at Shoalhaven Heads, Coolangatta, St Georges Basin and part of land at Vincentia, and to reclassify the remainder of the Vincentia land from "operational" to "community". The purpose of the PP is to extinguish Council's interests in the subject land to enable the land to be sold or licensed.

The subject land was reclassified from "community" to "operational" as part of the comprehensive Shoalhaven LEP 2014 (SLEP 2014), with the intention that Council's interests in the land would also be extinguished. However, due to an administrative error when the new LEP was drafted, the sites were inserted into Part 1 of Schedule 4 instead of Part 2. This meant that when the SLEP 2014 came into effect on 22 April 2014, the land was reclassified to "operational" but no change was made to the interests in the land. In addition, the SLEP 2014 changed the classification of all of Lot 2081 DP 216860 at Vincentia to "operational", not just the narrow strip of land to the rear of 83 to 109 Frederick Street and 7 Sutton Street.

Through this PP, Council is seeking to correct this administrative error.

This PP has been prepared consistent with DP&E's *LEP Practice Note PN 09-003 – Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan* (Reclassification Practice Note) and *Best Practice Guidelines for LEPs and Council Land* (Best Practice Guidelines).

1.1 Subject Land

The subject land is located throughout the Shoalhaven LGA as follows:

- 1. Lot 21 DP 252581 50 Shoalhaven Heads Road, Shoalhaven Heads
- 2. Lot 12 DP 617101 Bolong Road, Coolangatta
- 3. Lot 3 DP597223 Bolong Road, Coolangatta
- 4. Lot 4 DP 550354 Island Point Road, St Georges Basin
- 5a. Part Lot 2081 DP 216860 Lively Street, Vincentia (land along the rear of Nos. 83-109 Frederick Street and No. 7 Sutton Street only)
- 5b. Part Lot 2081 DP 216860 Lively Street, Vincentia (remainder of lot)

The location of the sites is mapped on **Figure 1**. Details of the subject land including zoning and site characteristics are in **Table 1** below.



Figure 1 – Subject Land Locations

1.2 Background

Council resolved on 20 March 2012 to reclassify the following parcels of Council owned land from "community" to "operational" as part of SLEP 2014 (**Attachment "A")**:

- 1. Lot 21 DP 252581 50 Shoalhaven Heads Road, Shoalhaven Heads
- 2. Lot 12 DP 617101 Bolong Road, Coolangatta
- 3. Lot 3 DP597223 Bolong Road, Coolangatta
- 4. Lot 4 DP 550354 Island Point Road, St Georges Basin
- 5. Part of Lot 2081 DP 216860 Lively Street, Vincentia along the rear of Nos. 83-109 Frederick Street and No. 7 Sutton Street
- 6. Lot 35 DP 226342 Edgewater Avenue, Sussex Inlet

For sites 1 to 5, the reclassifications also proposed to extinguish Council's interests in the land to enable the land to be sold or licensed (see Fact Sheet which formed part of the exhibition materials for SLEP 2014 at **Attachment "B").**

However, due to an administrative error when the plan was drafted, the sites were inserted into Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the new LEP instead of Part 2. This meant that when the SLEP 2014 came into effect on 22 April 2014, the land was reclassified to "operational" but no change was made to the interests in the land. In addition, the SLEP 2014 changed the classification of all of Lot 2081 DP 216860 to "operational", not just the narrow strip of land to the rear of 83 to 109 Frederick Street and 7 Sutton Street.

This matter was reported to Council on 14 July 2015 and Council resolved to submit Planning Proposal (PP010) – Housekeeping Reclassification of Council Land for initial Gateway determination (**Attachment "C"** – Development Committee Report and Minutes).

Note: This PP does not apply to the land at Lot 35 DP 226342 Edgewater Avenue, Sussex Inlet which was also reclassified as part of the preparation of SLEP 2014.

2 Part 1 – Intended Outcome

The intended outcome of this PP is to allow Council to explore the sale or licensing of the subject land, and reclassify part of the land at Vincentia from "operational" to "community" to clearly reflect the originally desired outcomes for that land under SLEP 2014, i.e. classified as community land and no interests changed.

Details of the subject land and purpose of the PP in relation to that land are contained in **Table 1** below.

Table 1. Subject Land Details



Current zoning: RU1 Primary Production

Site Characteristics:

The site has an area of approximately 1235m². It is a 'battle-axe' shaped lot with an access handle on Shoalhaven Heads Road. It forms part of a service station and part of the Coastal Palms Holiday Park. The part within the Coastal Palms Holiday Park contains a sewer main and play equipment. In the past the site has been maintained by the holiday park under a lease from Council. This lot was dedicated to Council as public reserve under subdivision no. 3062A in 1976.

Purpose of PP:

Due to the configuration of the land it has limited public use and the reclassification will enable the investigation of sale to adjoining land owner(s).

Rights or interests to be extinguished:

- The Deposited Plan (DP) identifies the land as a 'Public Reserve'.
- K200000P Caveat by the Registrar General forbidding registration of instruments not authorised by the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1919, relating to public reserves.
- Reservations and conditions, if any, contained in the Crown Grant referred to in the certificate of title.



Current Zoning: RU1 Primary Production

Site Characteristics:

The site has an area of approximately 1082m². It is a long narrow lot which runs parallel to Bolong Road. It is partly unused land within the fenceline of an adjoining private property and contains a small amount of vegetation. This lot was dedicated to Council as public reserve under subdivision no. 4308 in 1981.

Purpose of PP:

The site has no practical public use and the reclassification will allow Council to investigate the sale of the land to an adjoining land owner.

Rights or interests to be extinguished;

- The DP identifies the land as a 'Public Reserve'.
- K200000P Caveat by the Registrar General forbidding unauthorised dealing with public reserves.
- Reservations and conditions, if any, contained in the Crown Grant referred to in the certificate of title.



Current Zoning: RU1 Primary Production

Site Characteristics:

The site has an area of approximately 2263m². It runs parallel to Bolong Road. It is partly within the fenceline of adjoining private land. The owner of the adjoining property was granted a grazing permit for this land in the past, but this permit is not current. This site was dedicated to Council as a condition of consent under subdivision no. 4306. It was dedicated as a public reserve with the idea of it being used as a driver rest area, however, it has not been utilised for this purpose.

Purpose of PP:

The site has no practical public use and the reclassification will allow Council to investigate the sale of the land to an adjoining land owner(s).

Rights or interests to be extinguished; any trusts and covenants relevant to the site:

- The DP identifies the land as a 'Public Reserve'.
- K200000P Caveat by the Registrar General forbidding registration of instruments not authorised by the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1919, relating to public reserves.
- Reservations and conditions, if any, contained in the Crown Grant referred to in the certificate of title.



Site 4. Lot 4 DP 550354 Island Point Road, St Georges Basin

Current zoning: B4 Mixed Use

Site Characteristics:

The site has an area of approximately 354m² and has water frontage to St Georges Basin. It is land-locked and has no means of access other than via water. This lot was dedicated to Council as public reserve in 1971 under subdivision No. 3071.

Purpose of PP:

The site has no practical public use and the reclassification will allow Council to investigate the sale of the land to an adjoining land owner(s).

Rights or interests to be extinguished:

- The DP identifies the land as a 'Public Reserve'.
- K200000P Caveat by the Registrar General forbidding registration of instruments not authorised by the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1919, relating to public reserves.



Current Zoning: Part RE1 Public Recreation and part R2 Low Density Residential

Site Characteristics:

The site has an area of approximately 1ha, is irregular in shape and contains access handles from Sutton and Frederick Streets. A further access handle is connected to the unformed part of Waldegrave Crescent to the west. The majority of the site is well vegetated and backs onto Jervis Bay National Park. This lot was dedicated to Council under subdivision no. 710 as public garden and recreation space in 1954.

Purpose of PP:

Site 5a. This PP will enable investigation of licensing the narrow section of the lot adjoining 83-109 Frederick Street and 7 Sutton Street to adjoining land owners in order to formalise access to the rear of their properties (orange shading on map above). All Frederick Street properties have existing legal access, however, 7 Sutton Street currently uses part of the land to access a garage at the rear of the property.

Site 5b. This PP will reclassify this part of the land to community, to reflect the fact that it was not supposed to be reclassified to operational in the SLEP 2014 process (green shading on map above).

Rights or interests to be extinguished:

- The DP identifies the site as 'Public Garden and Recreation Space'.
- Reservation and conditions, if any, contained in the Crown Grant(s) referred to in the DP.

3 Part 2 – Explanation of Provisions

The PP proposes to amend SLEP 2014 to list sites 1 to 5a under Part 2 of Schedule 4 "Land classified, or reclassified, as operational land – interests changed". This change will give effect to Clause 5.2(5) of SLEP 2014 so that the subject land will no longer have public reserve status, and will be discharged from "all trusts, estates, interests, dedications, conditions, restrictions and covenants affecting the land or any part of the land" (as indicated in **Table 1**). This will enable Council to explore the sale (sites 1-4) or licensing (site 5a) of the subject land.

For site 5b, the PP proposes to list the land under Part 3 of Schedule 4 "Land classified, or reclassified, as community land". This will ensure that this site is classified to reflect the original intent of the reclassifications carried out under SLEP 2014, i.e. classified as "community" land and no interests changed. This will create a dual classified lot.

As the PP involves extinguishing Council's interests in some of the land, the approval of the Governor of NSW will be required in accordance with section 30 of the Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act) prior to the PP being finalised. Copies of the Certificates of Title for the subject land are at **Attachment "D**".

4 Part 3 – Justification

- 4.1 Need for the planning proposal (Section A)
- 4.1.1 Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

The PP is not the result of a strategic study or report. It aims to correct an administrative error which occurred in the drafting of SLEP 2014.

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

This PP is considered to be the best means of achieving the intended outcome.

4.2 Relationship to strategic planning framework (Section B)

Given the various locations of the subject sites across the Shoalhaven LGA, some or all of the following strategic plans and strategies will apply.

4.2.1 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)?

South Coast Regional Strategy

The South Coast Regional Strategy (SCRS) aims to support economic growth in the region including tourism, while limiting development constrained by coastal processes, flooding, wetlands and significant and cultural landscapes. It identifies Council's requirements with zoning land and making provision for natural environments and natural hazards through implementing applicable natural resource policies, plans and guidelines. The proposed PP is consistent with the SCRS.

> Draft Illawarra Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plan

The draft Illawarra Regional Growth and Infrastructure Plan (draft Plan) applies to the whole Shoalhaven LGA including the subject lands. The draft Plan seeks to provide a framework for provision of well-located, more diverse and more affordable housing. The proposed PP is consistent with the draft Plan.

South Coast Regional Conservation Plan (2010)

The South Coast Regional Conservation Plan (SCRCP) provides direction to local government on planning and development decision-making so that the biodiversity of the South Coast can be maintained or improved. The proposed PP is consistent with the SCRCP.

4.2.2 Is the planning proposal consistent with the local council's Community Strategic Plan, or other local strategic plan?

> Shoalhaven City Council's Community Strategic Plan, Shoalhaven 2023

The Proposal is consistent with Council's Community Strategy Plan and the relevant objective and strategy below:

- Objective 2.2 Population and urban settlement growth that is ecologically sustainable and carefully planned and managed.
- Strategy 2.4.2 Develop land use and related plans for the sustainable growth of the City which use the core principles of the Growth Management Strategy and ESD principles, also carefully considering community concerns and the character of unique historic townships.

4.2.3 Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable state environmental planning policies?

The PP is consistent with the applicable state environmental planning policies (SEPPs). A full list of the SEPPs is provided at **Attachment "E"**. The relevant SEPPs are discussed below.

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 71 – Coastal Protection (SEPP 71)

This policy aims to protect and manage the natural, cultural, recreational and economic attributes of the NSW coast through ensuring that development in the NSW Coastal zone is appropriate and suitably located. All of the lots within the planning proposal area fall within the boundaries to which SEPP 71 applies. Two of the sites are also identified as being within a sensitive coastal location. The proposal does not seek to rezone land, nor does it relate to development of the land, and therefore the PP is considered to be consistent with SEPP 71.

SEPP (Rural Lands) 2008

The Rural Lands Ministerial Direction requires that PPs which affect land within existing or proposed rural or environmental zones be consistent with the principles of the Rural Lands SEPP. The PP is considered to be consistent with this SEPP.

4.2.4 Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.117 directions)?

The Ministerial Directions are considered in **Attachment** "F" and those that are most relevant are discussed below.

1.2 Rural Zone and 1.5 Rural Lands

The properties at Coolangatta and Shoalhaven Heads are zoned RU1 Primary Production. This PP does not seek to rezone these lots, and will allow the continuation of the existing use in the case of the land in Shoalhaven Heads adjacent to a caravan park, or to be used for agricultural purposes for the land in Coolangatta. The proposal does not detract from the agricultural production value of the land and is consistent with these Directions.

2.2 Coastal Protection

All of the subject land is located in the coastal zone, however, due to the administrative nature of the proposal it is consistent with this Direction.

3.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates

Lot 21 DP 252581 Shoalhaven Heads Road, Shoalhaven Heads adjoins an existing caravan park. Council intends to explore the sale of this lot to the adjoining caravan park. The draft PP is consistent with this direction.

5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies

The consistency of the PP with the SCRS and draft Illawarra Regional Growth Plan is discussed in Section 4.2.1.

4.3 Environmental, Social and Economic Impact (Section C)

4.3.1 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?

The PP will not adversely affect any critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats as it involves an administrative amendment to the SLEP 2014. Any future use of the land will consider environmental impacts as part of the development assessment process.

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

The PP will not have any environmental impacts as it involves an administrative amendment to the SLEP 2014. Any future use of the land will consider environmental impacts as part of the development assessment process.

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

The social and economic impacts related to the PP are considered minimal. Where the land is to be investigated by Council for its sale to an adjoining land owner, this may avail funds to be reallocated to the development of other public spaces for community use.

4.4 State and Commonwealth Interests (Section D)

4.4.1 Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal?

The PP does not require the provision of additional public infrastructure. The public land to be reclassified does not currently serve a practical public purpose due to the configuration of the land and limited accessibility from public areas.

4.4.2 What are the views of state and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the Gateway determination?

The National Parks and Wildlife Service/Office of Environment and Heritage will need to be consulted in relation to the land at Vincentia which adjoins Jervis Bay National Park. It is not considered necessary to consult with other public authorities, however Council will be guided by the consultation requirements specified in the DP&E's Gateway Determination.

Further, as noted in Section 3 of this PP, approval of the Governor of NSW will be required in accordance with section 30 of the LG Act prior to the PP being finalised.

5 Part 4 – Mapping

The maps included in this PP (**Figure 1** and **Table 1**) are provided for information purposes. The PP does not involve changes to the SLEP 2014 maps.

6 Part 5 – Community Consultation

Section 29 of the LG Act requires a public hearing to be held into land reclassifications when the classification of the land is changing from "community" to "operational". To comply with this requirement, public hearings for the land reclassifications under draft SLEP 2014 were held on 2nd and 3rd November 2011, and 11 June 2013, following each public exhibition period. As the PP does not reclassify community land to operational, a public hearing is not required to be held for this proposal.

In accordance with DP&E's Reclassification Practice Note and Best Practice Guidelines, Council will include a written statement in the exhibition material to cover the exhibition requirements contained therein. The exhibition material will include the details of the land, Council's interests in the land, financial implications, purpose of the reclassification and anticipated development resulting from the PP. A copy of the Reclassification Practice Note and Best Practice Guidelines will also be included with the exhibition material.

It is proposed to exhibit the PP for the minimum of 14 days or as otherwise directed in the DP&E's Gateway determination.

7 Part 6 – Project Timeline

The following milestone timeframes are anticipated and will be revised if any significant delays are encountered.

Task	Anticipated Timeframe
Commencement date (date of Gateway determination)	September 2015
Completion of Gateway determination requirements	October 2015
Public exhibition (14 days)	October/November 2015
Consideration of submissions	November 2015
Report to Council	November 2015
Governor-General's approval	December 2015
Finalisation and notification of Plan	March 2016

Table 2 - Planning Proposal Project Timeline

- Attachment A Special Development Committee Resolution 20 March 2012
- Attachment B Draft Shoalhaven LEP Fact Sheet: Reclassifications
- Attachment C Development Committee Report and Resolution 14 July 2014
- Attachment D Certificates of Title for Subject Land
- Attachment E State Environmental Planning Policies
- Attachment F Ministerial Directions (Section 117 Directions)
- Attachment G Evaluation Criteria for the Delegation of Plan Making Functions