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Attention: Brett Whitworth



## Dear Brett

## Planning Proposal - Heritage Estates, Elouera and Fairview Estates Proposed E2 Environmental Conservation Zoning

The above mentioned planning proposal is submitted to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure (the Department) under Section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) for 'Gateway' determination. Council Officer Delegation to prepare the draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP) under Section 59 of the EP&A Act 1979 is also requested.

The planning proposal seeks to rezone the land within the 'Heritage Estates' and the adjoining 'Elouera and Fairview Estates' to E2 Environmental Conservation to reflect the high biodiversity values of the land and remove any uncertainty about the future zoning of the land.

The planning proposal will also assist in resolving the long standing issues associated with the tenure of the 'Heritage Estates'. The voluntary Heritage Estates Land Purchase (HELP) project gives individual landowners the option of selling their land for addition to the Jervis Bay National Park. This funding was allocated on the basis that Council rezone the land at the appropriate point to E2 Environmental Conservation and it is now appropriate to do so.

It is noted that the draft Shoalhaven LEP 2013 has been submitted to the Department for finalisation and it is intended that this planning proposal will amend the draft Shoalhaven LEP 2013.

If you need further information in this regard, please contact Michael Park, Planning & Development Services Group on (02) 4429 3596. Please quote Council's reference 47841E (D13/316928) in any correspondence.

Yours faithfully

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