

Department of Planning and Environment

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Via email uds@aapt.net.au

Dear Trevor

Kiama Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Map Amendment No 1)

I am writing to advise that the Department of Planning and Environment has made the plan to rezone rural land west of the Princes Highway between Saddleback Mountain Road to south of Weir Street, South Kiama and modify development standards to enable residential development and environmental conservation.

After careful consideration of Kiama Council's position, community and agency submissions, planning strategies and the findings of the Independent Review of the South Kiama Planning Proposal, the Department concluded the proposal had strategic and site-specific merit and issues raised during consultation can be addressed.

The Department did make minor changes to the planning proposal (Version 5) postexhibition in order to address community, agency and Council submissions and concerns, further information provided by Council and yourself and the findings and recommendations of the Independent Review of the South Kiama Planning Proposal.

The Department expects the recommendations of the independent review to be implemented, including the need for more detailed master planning for the site, to inform the preparation of a development application(s) and Development Control Plan, addressing:

- a new visual impact assessment,
- engagement with the local Aboriginal community in the master planning process,
- noise attenuation from the highway,
- pedestrian and cyclist connectivity,
- bushfire issues relating to site design, layout and access provisions,
- resolution of the buffer around Kendalls Cemetery and on-going management of drystone walls,
- on-going management of conservation and public recreation areas, and
- finalisation of a stormwater management strategy and flood control.

It is expected the proponent will work closely with Kiama Shire Council to progress these matters.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Daniel Thompson Director, Southern Region on 02 4247 1810.

Yours sincerely

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