**PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

**Planning Proposal - 18/2022/2/1**

**Comprehensive LEP Review – RURal (****RU2 Rural Landscape and RU5 Village) Land use zones**

On 21st July 2022 the Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway determination enabling Council to place the Planning Proposal**, 18/2022/3/1 – Comprehensive LEP Review – Rural (RU2 Rural Landscape and RU5 Village) Land Use Zones** on exhibition for a period of 28 days. This is consistent with Council’s resolution to proceed with the Proposal at its Ordinary Meeting held 20 April 2022.

The Proposal seeks to carry out the following amendments to the *Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011*:

* make changes to rural zone objectives;
* make changes to development types that are permitted in rural zones;
* make changes to how and where rural zones are applied in the Cessnock LGA, to address inconsistent zoning and minimum lot sizes, and;
* make changes to minimum lot size clause relating to land requiring on-site waste water management (septic) systems.

The Planning Proposal is on public exhibition from 14th September 2022 to 24th October 2022 and can be viewed at the following locations:

* Council’s Administration Building (Customer Services Section);
* Cessnock Public Library;
* Kurri Kurri Library; and
* Council’s website at [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au)

Any person may make a written submission in relation to the Planning Proposal. Any views expressed in written submissions will be considered by Council before a final decision is made on whether or not the draft Plan should be made.

In order to be considered by Council, submissions must be received by **5.00pm on**24th October, referencing “**18/2022/2/1 – Comprehensive LEP Review – Rural (RU2 and RU5) Land Use Zones**”. Submissions should be addressed to The General Manager and can be submitted via:

* Email to council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au; or
* Post to PO Box 152, CESSNOCK NSW 2325

Submissions are NOT kept confidential. Council releases submissions when a request is made in accordance with privacy laws and the relevant provisions under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. When a submission is released by law, Council routinely withholds contact numbers, email addresses and signatures. Should you wish for all personal details or any information that may identify you to be withheld from the public, please advise Council of this in your submission.

Any enquiries should be directed to Council’s Strategic Land Use Planning section on
02 4993 4127.

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