

LOCAL PLANNING PANEL – THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

DETERMINATION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING PANEL ON 19 JUNE 2024

PRESENT:

Pamela Soon	Chair
Chris Young	Expert
Lindsay Fletcher	Expert
Kaavya Karunanithi	Community Representative

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

NIL

COUNCIL STAFF:

The Panel were briefed by the following Council Staff on 19 June 2024:

Mark Colburt	-	Group Manager – Shire Strategy
Nicholas Carlton	-	Manager - Forward Planning
Megan Munari	-	Principal Coordinator, Forward Planning
Kayla Atkins	-	Strategic Planning Coordinator

**ITEM 1: LOCAL PLANNING PANEL – PLANNING PROPOSAL –
DERRIWONG ROAD AND OLD NORTHERN ROAD, DURAL
(6/2024/PLP)**

COUNCIL OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:

The planning proposal should proceed to Gateway Determination.

PANEL’S ADVICE:

The planning proposal should not proceed to Gateway Determination.

The planning proposal fails the strategic merit test based on the current state and local policies that apply and would create an undesirable precedent for further ad hoc rezoning requests in the locality. The Panel also raises concern with respect to the ability for the proposed bypass corridor to function as an arterial road at this location, adjoining the school, noting the requirements of Schools Infrastructure regarding traffic management measures and safety.

The Panel acknowledges that the proposal may have some appeal in terms of local planning objectives, including securing part of a possible bypass route, improved access for the public school and provision of local open space. In that regard, the Panel recognises that in the absence of the Greater Cities Commission, the Gateway process may be a mechanism to secure clarification from State agencies.

VOTING:

Unanimous