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BIODIVERSITY CERTIFICATION POLICY

Camden Council is again leading the way when it comes to initiatives and best practice following the resolution to publicly exhibit its draft Biodiversity Certification in the Camden Local Government Area (LGA) Policy.

The Policy, the first of its kind in NSW, provides guidelines to Council, developers and the community on the methods and responsibilities of developers pursuing biodiversity certification of land within the Camden LGA.

The Biodiversity Certification is an environmental assessment of the entire development rather than individual sections of developments. The Biodiversity Certification helps secure strong ecological and conservation outcomes for the Camden LGA.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak is pleased with Council's initiative of drafting the new Policy.

"This policy is the first of its kind in NSW and I'm excited to deliver a draft policy that shows the community that my Council is a forward-thinking and innovative Council, one that looks for ways to improve processes and deliver quality services to the community".

"I am pleased to be delivering a draft policy and providing the opportunity for the community to provide their feedback".

Biodiversity Certification is a new assessment option for planning authorities, under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. The Certification aims to strategically address biodiversity issues for land use proposals.

The Biodiversity certification in the Camden LGA Policy will be publicly exhibited until 26 May.

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