

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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### **NEW BIODIVERSITY CERTIFICATION POLICY ENDORSED**

Camden Council is again leading the way when it comes to innovation and best practice, following adoption of the draft Biodiversity Certification in the Camden Local Government Area (LGA) Policy at this week's Council meeting.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said she is delighted that the new Policy, one of the first of its kind in NSW, will be implemented in the Camden LGA.

"The Policy will provide guidelines to Council, developers and the community on the methods and responsibilities of developers pursuing biodiversity certification of land within the Camden LGA."

"This policy is one of the first of its kind in NSW, of which I am very proud. It demonstrates that Council is an innovative and forward-thinking Council and looks for ways to improve planning outcomes wherever possible." Cr Symkowiak highlighted.

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

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

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