



Media Release

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Community given more opportunities to comment

Residents can now have a say about proposed changes to planning regulations before being considered by Council.

Council has introduced a new notification process to first invite comments from the community about requested changes to the Camden Local Environment Plan (LEP) or State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

The standard practice is for the proposal to go through the various levels of local and state government approval before inviting community feedback.

“This new practice will ensure that Councillors have community feedback before them when considering possible amendments to planning policies,” said Acting Mayor, Theresa Fedeli.

“This proactive approach gives residents an extra opportunity to be part of the decision making process,” Cr Fedeli said.

A planning proposal could include changes in zoning on a site, the type of permitted land uses allowed or development standards applied to certain properties such as changes to height restrictions and floor space allowances.

Information will be sent to owners of neighbouring properties and advertised in local newspapers. The notification period is 14 days and submissions will be addressed in a report to Council that outlines the proposal and any key issues.

Council will determine if there is merit to the proposal and if supported, it will go to the NSW State Government to be considered. If approved it would then return to Council and placed on public exhibition for further comment.

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