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Plan to protect Camden's rural lands

A strategy designed to protect Camden's rural lands and retain its scenic and cultural landscapes is now on public exhibition.

The draft Camden Rural Lands Strategy will guide Council decisions about land use planning that would impact the area's rural hinterland.

"As a Council, we are working to strike a balance between the significant urban development and the protection of the natural environment and open spaces," said Mayor Lara Symkowiak.

"The community has a strong connection to the local rural lands and this strategy will help us to retain this valued scenic landscape," Cr Symkowiak said.

"With mounting pressure for more urban land in our area, it is important that we establish a system to protect our heritage and our rural lands," she said.

The draft strategy is based on a study that established the importance of protecting Camden's remaining rural land to support agricultural production, and community identity.

It takes state and federal plans into consideration, including the NSW State Government's South West Priority Growth Area, the M9 Orbital and the Western Sydney Airport.

Under the strategy, Council would seek to reduce conflicting land uses by reviewing development controls and retaining the existing 40 ha minimum lot size for rural land to avoid further land fragmentation. Council would also seek to help educate the community about farming impacts and possible conflict with residential lands.

The draft strategy is now on public exhibition on Council's website, www.camden.nsw.gov.au. Submissions close 4 July 2017.

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