



## KYOGLÉ COUNCIL

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### **Improved Worker Accommodation Opportunities to Support Agri-business and Rural Development**

Kyogle Council has amended its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to make life a little easier for its farming community and to help grow agricultural developments.

The amendment, gazetted earlier this month, allows the development of temporary workers' accommodation in rural areas with the consent of the council.

Council hopes the change will boost accommodation options and support rural activities and businesses dependent on larger numbers of workers being required for short periods such as during harvest times.

"Council understands that agri-business is very important to the economy of the area," Kyogle Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said.

"Supporting rural businesses by ensuring a range of appropriate worker accommodation options are available is a key, practical way the Council can bolster and create jobs for the region.

"Last year, Council recognised that agricultural ventures requiring a large number of workers had limited choices to provide accommodation for those employees.

"We resolved to amend the LEP to provide an additional option.

"Council anticipates the amendment will encourage the development of more labour intensive agricultural ventures and better support existing operations."

The LEP amendment came into force on 20 January 2017. Anyone wanting further information about the amendment or to discuss the potential development of temporary workers' accommodation is asked to contact Council's Planning Department on 6632 0293.

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