

Proposed single rural land use zone for Kyogle

Council is inviting the community to provide feedback on a proposal to create a single rural land use zone across the Kyogle local government area.

The proposed amendment to the Kyogle Local Environmental Plan (LEP) would see all land currently zoned RU2 (Rural Landscape) in the LEP reclassified as RU1 (Primary Production).

All outstanding 'deferred matter areas' in the LEP would also be rezoned RU1 under this proposal. At the same time, a biodiversity clause and overlay would be introduced to the LEP.

The proposed removal of the RU2 Zone from the LEP is an outcome that Council has sought for many years.

Mayor Danielle Mulholland said the proposed changes were a great result for the community.

“Council clearly heard the message that many rural landowners were concerned that the RU2 zone was overly restrictive, and has worked hard to arrive at this position where it can finally be removed from the LEP,” Cr Mulholland said.

Council restated its commitment to a single rural zone in the LEP when it adopted its Local Strategic Planning Statement in 2020.

The introduction of a biodiversity overlay within the LEP will ensure that areas of potential high biodiversity value are identified, and this will enable landowners to plan for future development accordingly.

“The introduction of a biodiversity overlay will not prevent landowners from carrying out appropriate development and improvement of their properties,” Cr Mulholland said.

“It will assist them in identifying those areas in their ownership where extra care and consideration will need to be taken in drafting their development proposals.”

The Planning Proposal will be on public exhibition until Friday 2 July 2021. Comments should either be submitted to council@kyogle.nsw.gov.au or via post, PO Box 11, Kyogle, NSW 2474.

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