

Mackay Region Planning Scheme - 2016 consultation

A new Planning Scheme for the Region

The proposed Mackay Region Planning Scheme will replace the existing three planning schemes, and establish one planning scheme to support the sustainable development of our region. It will serve the needs of our community into the future, including the liveability of our towns and neighbourhoods and creating a business-friendly regulatory environment with improved development assessment processes, enabling small-businesses to innovate and have a go.

Why is it being advertised again?

The State Government advised council to review all submissions and reconsider how to proceed with the planning scheme. Council used the opportunity to make changes to the proposed scheme based on the matters raised in submissions, changed

planning circumstances or new information including to appropriately integrate the 2016 state planning policy, and amend drafting errors.

Council has given extensive consideration to the 1,029 issues raised in the 401 submissions received during the previous public consultation. Council has decided to undertake further consultation to enable all residents and stakeholders to view and comment on the changed proposed planning scheme.

The proposed planning scheme is available for public comment until 12 December 2016.

What does the 2016 version of the scheme say?

The proposed planning scheme provides confidence to our residents and business sector in having a single planning scheme to guide the sustainable development of our region to 2036.



The proposed planning scheme will bring a fresh start to drive the economy forward towards 2036 and create opportunity for the future. It encourages lifestyle and liveability and creates a business-friendly regulatory environment with improved development assessment processes, reduced costs in dealing with council and enabling small-businesses to innovate and have a go.

Do I need to make a submission again?

Every submission made in the previous public consultation periods has been reconsidered by council. A new Response to

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2013 and 2014 Submissions Report is available on council's website, identifying how council has dealt with these submissions. Letters to all submitters from the previous consultation have been sent, advising of the outcome of their reconsidered submission.

The 2016 public consultation is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to comment on the proposals which may impact on them. A submission can be made on any part of the planning scheme. If a new submission is made similar to previous submissions, it is recommended that the submission include new information including planning grounds or if new issues have emerged.

You are welcome to also make a submission on matters supported.

What are the changes?

The changes to the proposed planning scheme relate to:

- inclusion of the new State Planning Policy version (dated April 2016);
- consolidation of urban areas to ensure infrastructure remains affordable;

- changes to the Strategic Framework for infrastructure affordability;
- amendments to City Centre provisions; and
- zoning and other changes as a direct result of submissions.

A summary list of the changes is available on council's website (see below). The public is encouraged to review the proposed scheme and consider how it may directly affect them.

Your community, your say

The Mackay Region Planning Scheme will shape the future of our region and we encourage you to view the 2016 version and make a submission. Submissions must be 'properly made' to be considered.

'Properly made' submissions

Anyone can make a written submission about the proposed Mackay Region Planning Scheme. However, in order to be accepted the submission must be a 'properly made' submission in accordance with the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

A submission must:

- be in writing;
- include the full name and address of each person making the submission
- be signed by each person making the submission
- state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds
- be directed to Mackay Regional Council
- be received by council before 5pm Monday 12 December.

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