

## We would like to hear from you!

If council is preparing a LAP for an area that you have an interest in, we would like to hear your thoughts. During the preparation of the LAP, you will have the opportunity to participate in a number of consultation events and formally lodge your thoughts in writing during public exhibition periods. At any stage in the process, however, you will be able to discuss the LAP with one of council's planners.



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## A Guide to Local Area Planning in the Mackay Region



## What is a Local Area Plan?

Local Area Plans (LAP) are developed to provide locally focused planning guidance for local areas.

LAPs aim to achieve the following:

- establish a shared vision for the local area;
- address key local planning issues and capitalise on opportunities;
- establish an integrated approach to local planning; and
- sensibly manage future development outcomes.

Generally, the LAP process will generate a number of documents, maps and posters including:

- Context and Appraisal Report
- Preliminary Visioning
- Concept Plan
- Draft Planning Instruments

Given its detailed focus, a LAP can override other parts of the Planning Scheme where an inconsistency exists.

## Contributors to the Local Area Planning Process

A Local Area Plan is prepared with the input from many stakeholders. Some of these are:

- the local and wider community;
- prominent land owners, businesses, residents' associations, community groups and non-government organisations;
- elected representatives of council (councillors) and other levels of government; and
- representatives of relevant council programs and state government agencies.

## General process for developing a LAP

### Phase 1 Site appreciation & technical analysis

- *Site appreciation and technical analysis* – understand all relevant historic, current, planned and potential site issues
- *Context and Appraisal Report* – identify findings of site appreciation and technical analysis and articulate constraints and opportunities
- *Stakeholder consultation* – present, discuss and gain feedback on Context and Appraisal Report with key stakeholders
- *Refinement of Context and Appraisal Report* – based on findings of consultation with key stakeholders

### Phase 2 Strategy and vision

- *Preliminary Visioning* – develop preliminary vision based on achieving sustainability and emerging knowledge of local issues, values, opportunities and constraints.
- *Stakeholder consultation* – present, discuss and gain feedback on preliminary visioning with key stakeholders
- *Refinement of Preliminary Visioning* – based on outcomes of consultation with key stakeholders
- *Enquiry by Design (EbD) Workshop* – present Context and Appraisal Report and Preliminary Visioning and explore future development options
- *Concept Plan* – covers and builds upon findings of EbD workshop

### Phase 3 Broader community consultation

- *Public display of Concept Plan and consultation events* – Display and gain feedback on Concept Plan. Feedback potentially gained in writing, on-line surveys / forums, public meetings / workshops and personal appointments with council planners.
- *Collation and summary of community feedback on Concept Plan* – collate, summarise and report key findings from all feedback received.

### Phase 4 Preparing the draft Local Area Plan

- *Preparation of Draft Planning Instruments* – preparation of proposed changes to the planning scheme or elements to be incorporated in the new planning scheme.
- *Public display of Draft Planning Instruments* – display and gain feedback on proposed changes to the planning scheme or elements to be incorporated in the new planning scheme.
- *Incorporation of Draft Planning Instruments into Planning Scheme* – standard planning scheme amendment/preparation process as prescribed by the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.