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[AM] Design Quality in Tweed Shire Council Update

An Administrator's Minute was resolved at the Council Meeting held on 6 July 2005 as follows:

RESOLVED that:-

1. *A Design Review Committee be established to develop a list of options and recommendations to ensure best practice and best design is a feature of all subdivisions in the Tweed Shire Council area which will form the basis for a policy / Development Control Plan and or Local Environmental Plan amendment which will ensure high quality subdivision on rural land zoned for urban expansion. The Design Review Committee to consist of -*
 - i. *Administrator Turnbull; Director of Planning and Development or his nominee, a representative of the local community*
 - ii. *Consultants with expertise in urban design*
 - iii. *Representative from the Government Architect's Office*
 - iv. *Representative from Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources*

whose task it will be

 - (a) *to achieve the objectives set out above,*
 - (b) *to achieve any other objectives referred to it from the Council from time to time which are directed to achieving design excellence in the TSC and retention of the natural beauty of the local environment and high quality urban design and development generally*
 - (c) *Provide Council with a report by 31 October with options and recommendations to ensure high quality, sustainable urban design on sites zoned for urban expansion and other reports from time to time as requested by Council.*
2. *Any applications for major residential rezoning and any development applications for subdivisions on hilly rural/residential or natural landscape land which is zoned for urban expansion be deferred until the Council has received and considered the report referred to in 1(c) above.*

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Following the adoption of this resolution actions were put in place to seek input from the Government Architect's office in relation to this matter.

Difficulties were encountered in the appointment of a local community representative and consultants with expertise in urban design, who were representative of the whole shire, to assist in this process. Given this difficulty the process has been taken forward with the input from the Government Architect's office and regular briefings with Council staff.

A Subdivision Land Forming Policy report was considered at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5 October 2005, with the resultant recommendation from that report to be considered by Council today.

The consideration of this report will not be the finalisation of this process, but rather, continuing community, staff and Government Architect's office input will be considered to ensure that the planning controls adopted are resilient, comprehensible and sustainable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the contents of the Design Quality in Tweed Shire Update be noted.

[AM] Kings Forest Draft Local Environmental Plan Amendment No 20

Submitted by Administrator Turnbull

RECOMMENDATION:

That:-

1. Council notes that the development of a Local Environmental Plan for Kings Forest has been contentious and protracted.
2. Council notes that the project has been the subject of significant pressures from external agencies.
3. It is important the planning for Kings Forest proceed forthwith to ensure that orderly and responsible development of the area can proceed in a manner that is consistent with fulfilling the Tweed Shire Council's strategic objectives of developing a community that is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.
4. The Kings Forest site is subject of much contention concerning ecological issues pertaining to the site. Council notes the Director Planning and Development has put in train a process by which to undertake an independent peer review of all ecological assessments of the Kings Forest site.
5. Council requests the Director Planning and Development to present a planning report on the Kings Forest Local Environmental Plan Amendment in February 2006 with recommendations as to the future zoning and management of the study area.

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