

## LATE REPORT

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### LATE ITEMS

#### MAYORAL MINUTE

#### 35 LATE [MM-CM] Tweed Hospital Location

**SUBMITTED BY:** Cr K Milne, Mayor

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Making decisions with you

*Make in this together*

#### LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:

2	Making decisions with you
2.2	Engagement
2.2.4	Councillor and Civic Business - To provide assistance to Councillors and support for Council to operate within its legal framework.

**ROLE:** **Leader**

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#### Councillors

Tweed Shire Council wholeheartedly welcomes a new hospital to be built in the Tweed Shire but does not support the proposed location at Kingscliff.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

**That:**

1. The Mayoral Minute be received and noted.
2. Council notes the significant concerns being raised in the community including the:
  - a) Substantial loss of State Significant Farmland particularly in light of the previous losses of State Significant Farmland including at Area E Terranora, the Kingscliff TAFE and from part of the Kingscliff High School;
  - b) Potential for further flow on impacts on adjacent State Significant farmlands in the form of restrictions on farming practices such as noise, dust, sprays, and agricultural buffers, as well as potential shading of the farmlands from a multi storey hospital;

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- c) **Potential for future losses on State Significant Farmland if/when the hospital expands as the population grows;**
  - d) **Impact of increased travel distances for residents in the high population areas of Tweed Heads, particularly elderly residents who may have bought into properties to be close to the existing hospital; and**
  - e) **Construction of a multistorey health facility that would set a precedent leading to unabated approvals for high density buildings that exceed the current three storey height limits at Kingscliff.**
3. **Given the community concerns, the Mayor writes to the State Government to request in the strongest terms reconsideration of the proposed location for the new hospital to exclude State Significant Farmlands, and include Council and the community in a comprehensive site selection process.**
4. **If the State Government does not agree to provide adequate community engagement Council will assist the community in their efforts to determine an alternative acceptable site for a new hospital.**
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