

Community Questionnaire

**Tweed Heads State Emergency Services Unit and Headquarters
BANORA POINT**



The information provided in this questionnaire will help Council understand community opinion about a proposal to give the Tweed Heads State Emergency Service (SES) Headquarters and Unit security of tenure on a Banora Point site set aside for public recreation. The headquarters has been based at the site for more than 30 years and Council has adopted concept plans to expand facilities at the site to enable the SES to continue to service Tweed Shire's growing population.

Please read the Tweed Shire SES Headquarters and Tweed Heads SES Unit 'frequently asked questions' document before completing this survey.

Note: Photocopies of this printed survey form will not be accepted.

Note that questions with an asterisk (*) require an answer.

* 1. Are you aware of the services provided by the State Emergency Service (SES) in the Tweed Community?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 2. Do you believe it is important to continue to have the Tweed Heads State Emergency Services Unit and headquarters (SES) located on their current site?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comment:



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* 3. Are you aware the Tweed Heads SES is located on land set aside for public recreation?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 4. Land allocated for public recreation can be used for a variety of purposes. Do you understand what these purposes are?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 5. Do you think it is necessary to provide additional public facilities at the site (such as barbecue facilities or a playground) if the SES headquarters were to remain?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comment:



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* 6. For the SES headquarters to remain at the current site, do you think it is necessary for other public recreation land/open space sites in the local area to be provided with better facilities?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comment:

* 7. Should the State Emergency Service Tweed Heads Unit be provided permanent tenure on its current site at Lot 682 DP 41192 Pioneer Parade, Banora Point?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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* 8. Are the current public open spaces provided in the Banora Point area adequate for recreational purposes?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comment:

* 9. Should the Tweed Heads SES Unit and headquarters be removed from their current location and the land made available for public recreation?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comments:



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* 10. For the Tweed Heads SES facilities to remain permanently at their current location, should alternative public recreation space be made available somewhere else in the Banora Point area?

Yes	No	Unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further comments:

* 11. What is the postcode of your permanent place of residence?

<input type="checkbox"/>	2483	<input type="checkbox"/>	2486	<input type="checkbox"/>	2489
<input type="checkbox"/>	2484	<input type="checkbox"/>	2487	<input type="checkbox"/>	2490
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Other (please specify):



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12. Do you have any other issues or concerns that you believe have not been addressed in this survey:

Thank you for completing this survey.

Completed copies of the survey must be submitted to Council by 16 March 2012.

They can be returned to Council's Customer Service Centres at the Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah Civic and Cultural Centres, or to the libraries at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah.

Alternatively, they can be posted to:

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PLAN TITLE:
 MASTER PLAN
 SITE CONCEPT PLAN 1

PROJECT NUMBER	EH09001/01
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Tweed Heads Headquarters and Unit Extension and Land Tenure Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the community being consulted about the Tweed Shire SES Headquarters and Tweed Heads SES Unit at Banora Point?

The State Emergency Service (SES) needs additional operational and storage facilities at its headquarters and Tweed Heads SES Unit to continue to adequately service Tweed Shire's growing population. Council has adopted a concept plan to develop the site in line with the service's needs. The SES has been able to operate at the location for the past 32 years, even though the site is set aside for public recreation. To provide certainty for the SES and the expanded facility, Council has applied to the NSW Crown Land Division to request security of tenure at the site for the SES. The division has called on Council to undertake public consultation to reveal the community's attitude about the loss of open space at the site.

SES services and facilities

What services does the SES provide for the community?

The Service's roles – defined in the NSW State Emergency Services Act 1989 - are to:

- Protect people from dangers to their safety and health.
- Protect property from destruction or damage caused by from floods, storms and tsunamis.

It is the combat agency to deal with these emergencies and co-ordinate the evacuation and welfare of affected communities. The SES carries out rescue operations and assists other emergency service organisations as requested.

Tweed Shire's SES Units are active members of the Local Rescue Committee and Local Emergency Management Committee. Their roles and functions in a disaster situation are defined under the Tweed Shire Disaster Plan (Local DISPLAN).

All Tweed Shire SES members are volunteers.

What are Council's obligations to the SES?

The SES is the State's legislated 'combat agency' to manage floods, storms and tsunamis. Local governments are therefore required by law to provide a site and maintain facilities suitable for local SES branch members to store equipment, conduct training and respond to emergencies. Local governments are also required to contribute to the State Emergency Service Levy. Tweed Shire's contribution for the 2011/12 financial year is \$60,808.30.

Where are the Tweed Shire SES Headquarters and Tweed Heads SES Unit located?

They are situated at Lot 682 DP 41192, Pioneer Parade, Banora Point. This site is public land owned by the State of NSW, which has defined that the site may be used for public recreation. Public land in NSW comes under the care and control of a Trust, in accordance with its purpose. The Trust for this site is managed by Council, which owns all buildings on the public land.

How long has the Tweed Heads SES been located at its current site?

The SES has occupied part of the site for approximately 32 years. It shares the public land with a community arts group, Unlimited Arts.

Why does the Tweed Heads SES headquarters and unit need to be expanded?

The Tweed Shire population has grown from 40,050 people in 1981 to more than 90,000 in 2012, increasing the need and responsibility for an SES coordination centre in the Tweed. The SES believes a central headquarters at the Banora Point site is preferable to coordinate the three Tweed SES units: at Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and a new unit being constructed at Pottsville.

In addition, the Tweed Heads Unit needs further storage and operating space for its equipment to service the Tweed Heads community.

What will be constructed as part of the expansion?

It is proposed to:

- Construct a five-bay garage and operations centre.
- Convert part of the existing garage area to offices.
- Improve and expand on-site parking facilities for both the SES and Unlimited Arts.

A concept plan for the expansion has been developed and will be on display. The expansion is subject to the availability of funding.

Land classification

What does Public Recreation mean?

All public land must be classified for a legislated purpose. These classifications include 'Public Recreation', which sets land aside for a variety of public purposes such as protection of natural and cultural values and providing for community recreation and tourism.

What can public recreation land be used for?

'Public Recreation' land can be used for public open space or recreational purposes, to provide a range of recreational settings and activities. It can also be utilised for compatible land uses which protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes, as well as providing facilities and amenities to enhance the use of public open space.

At present, the SES headquarters and unit do not comply with the site's classified use.



Tweed Heads Headquarters and Unit Extension and Land Tenure FAQ

Why has the SES been able to operate at its current site, if the location has been dedicated to public recreation?

Existing Council planning records do not reveal how the SES Unit initially came to be established at the site, which was previously occupied by a school. The earliest planning records available to Council is a building approval issued for a boat shed in 1986, which refers to existing SES facilities at the site.

Why would it be beneficial to retain the Tweed Heads SES Unit at its current location?

The SES favours keeping the Tweed Heads Unit at its current site because it is strategically located to best respond to emergencies in the area. In addition, relocating the unit and headquarters to a new location is likely to be more expensive than expanding facilities at the existing site.

Have your say

Why is a community survey necessary?

The defined purpose of the site does not currently permit emergency service facilities to be situated on the land. Council has applied to the NSW Crown Land Division seeking an expansion of the site's classification, to allow Tweed SES facilities to remain on the land legitimately. The State organisation has stated its assessment must take into account community opinion. Council is therefore undertaking a community engagement campaign to ensure the public has plenty of opportunity to consider the proposal, consult with Council and other relevant organisations, and provide feedback. This campaign includes a community survey and the distribution of relevant information. The survey is an effective tool to collect and evaluate community opinion.

What is the survey asking?

The survey is asking respondents whether they believe the site is required for public recreation.

- Are there already sufficient public recreation sites in the Banora Point area?
- Is there a need for additional public recreation site in the area?
- Can this need be met by alternative sites or offsets?
- Should an alternative site for the SES headquarters and unit be pursued?

Where can I access the survey?

An electronic copy of the survey is available on the home page of Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au, under 'What's New'. It can also be downloaded from Council's dedicated community engagement website at www.yoursaytweed.com.au under 'External Links'.

In addition, printed copies will be available when the Tweed Heads SES Unit conducts an on-site open day on 26 February 2012, to allow community members to view the facilities, learn more about the role of the SES and complete the survey.

Tweed Heads SES Unit volunteers will also be door knocking homes near the site, to hand out surveys and answer questions about the survey or SES operations.

Printed copies are also available from Council's Customer Service Areas in Murwillumbah (Tumbulgum Road) and Tweed Heads (Brett St), as well as the libraries in Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah.

How will information be used by Council?

The Crown Land Division has asked Council to seek and evaluate the Tweed community's opinion about a proposal to grant the Tweed Heads SES permanent tenure for its headquarters and unit at Banora Point. Community feedback provided by the survey will help Council better understand the views of its residents.

What will happen to the SES building if the community opposes the provision of permanent tenure?

If community opinion generally opposes keeping the SES headquarters and unit on their current site, an alternative location for these facilities and services will need to be pursued. Council has a statutory responsibility to provide adequate accommodation for the SES. Therefore, Council might need to consider acquiring other land and suitable facilities.

How do I find out more about this issue?

To find out more about SES services you can visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au or discuss the issue during the on-site open day on 26 February 2012. For more information about the expansion or land classification, contact Council on (02) 6670 2400.

Where can I see what public space is available in the area?

A map of areas available for public open space is available on Council's website at www.tweed.nsw.gov.au, under What's New.

The map shows:

- Areas available for public open space.
- What these areas are used for.
- Information about facilities at these locations.

The map is also displayed at Council offices and libraries with printed copies of the survey. These maps and surveys are available at Council's Customer Service Areas in Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah and the libraries at Tweed Heads, Kingscliff and Murwillumbah.

Review of community land in Banora Point

Fact sheet



There is a variety of public open spaces in the Banora Point area. See below for descriptions of the areas identified in the 'land open to community access' map.

A - Tuckeroo Springs managed open space (parklands) and drainage

The site has managed pathways and numerous grassed areas, with some shade tree coverage and multiple access points. Its sloping layout includes a playground and seating.

B - Ash Park Amaroo Park and Darlington Park managed open space (parklands)

The site has multiple managed pathways and large grassed areas, bushland pockets, a waterway and a large lake. The park has multiple access points and is easily accessible. It is also a leash-free zone to walk your pets.

C - Banora Green Darlington Drive managed open space (parklands)

Managed pathways, bushland pocket, large managed grassed areas and multiple access points.

D - Waterfall Park natural area and drainage

Natural bushland covers most of this site, dissected by pathways. It has a water feature and is ideal for exploring.

E - Managed open space (parklands) and natural area

The site has natural bush area with no official pathways or amenities. The site runs along the Tweed River frontage.

F - Uniacke Park Banora Point managed open space (parklands)

Natural bushland and managed grassed areas, with two access points.

G - Natural area

Predominantly natural bushland and wetland areas, with basic pathways and Tweed River access.

H - Tierney Park managed Open space (parklands)

An open managed grassed area, with shade trees and a small bushland pocket at the rear of the site.

I - Peter Solomon Park managed open space (parklands)

Open managed grassed areas, with shade trees and council playground. The site has multiple access points.

Review of community land in Banora Point

Fact sheet continued ...

J - Toolona Avenue/Cominan Avenue corner managed open space (parklands) and natural area

Managed open grassed areas and mainly natural bush providing shade. The site has no pathways but multiple access points.

K - Lake Kimberly surrounds managed open space (parklands) and natural area and drainage

The land is designed as a drainage point which forms the lake, but it has managed grassed areas and pathways around the lake.

L - Leisure Drive Park managed open space (parklands)

The open space is managed grassed area, with a pathway running through the park. It has a moderate slope and shade trees.

M - Banora Point Community Centre

Two Community Centre buildings and multiple car parking spaces. The site has open managed grassed areas, a new playground and multiple access points.

N - Honeymyrtle Park managed open space (parklands)

A large, open and sloping managed grassed area with access at both ends of the park. It has limited shade trees on the site and only one pathway.

O - Nandina Terrace Park managed open space (parklands)

The site is an open grassed area with some shade trees on site. It has a road reserve running through the middle of the park. Access to the park is from Nandina Terrace.

P - Peppermint Place managed open space (parklands)

An open managed grassed area, with shade trees throughout the site. It has a managed playground in the centre of the park and multiple access points.

Q - Managed open space (parklands)

Shade trees and open managed grassed areas. It has road frontage access and no pathways.

R - Market Parade managed open space (parklands) and drainage

The site is designed as a drainage point and has large bodies of water. There are some pathways across the site and small pockets of managed open grassed areas. It also has natural bushland surrounding the waterways.

S - Durigan/Cominan Avenue managed open space (parklands)

A large open grassed area with a range of shade trees. It is a sloping block with some pathways and two access points.

U - Lillie Park managed open space (parklands)

A managed open grassed area with some shade trees. The site has road frontage access and is separated from the Tweed River by River Road.

V - Old Ferry Park managed open space (parklands)

The site is managed open grassed area and has some shade trees. It has road frontage access and is separated from the Tweed River by River Road.

W - George Ord Park managed open space (parklands)

An open managed grassed area with road frontage access and access to the Tweed River. The site has a public car park and the land has the Pacific Highway overpass.

X - Lochlomond Drive Drainage Reserve, 7394

The site is specifically designed as a drainage reserve and has a large body of water in the middle of the park. There is a managed walking path around the lake and grassed areas with shade trees. The site has multiple access points and road frontage.

Y - Dalnair Park managed open space (parklands)

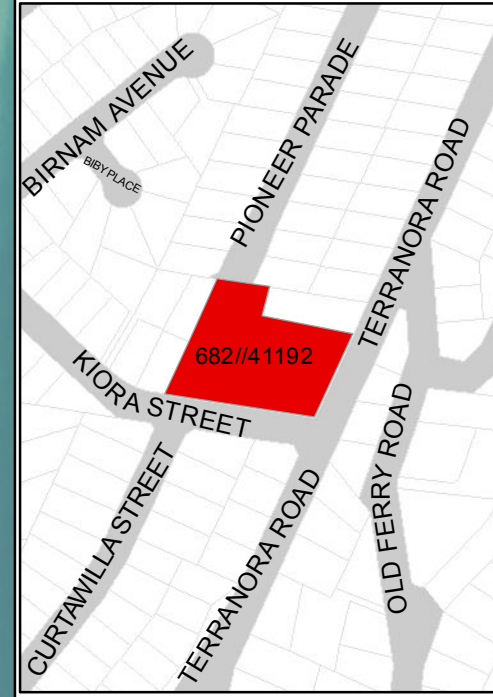
A small block of land with access from Oakland Parade. There is an open managed grass area and shade trees at the rear of the site.

Z - Covent Garden Way Park managed open space (parklands)

A managed open grassed area, with shade trees across the park. The site has pathways and multiple access points.

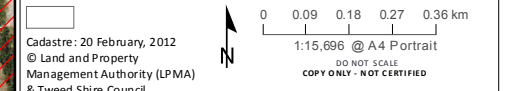
AA - Bimbadeen Avenue Riverfront managed open space (parklands)

A strip of managed grassed area between Bimbadeen Avenue and the Tweed River. The park ensures direct access to river frontage and has some shade trees at the western end.



- Legend**
- Proposed Change of Use
 - 2km boundary from subject site
 - Council Managed Crown Land
- Community Land**
- Map ID, Land Use, Area (sqm)**
- A, Tuckerroo Springs Managed Open Space (Park Lands) and Drainage, 6172
 - AA, Bimbadeen Avenue Riverfront, 10907
 - B, Ash Park Amaroo Park and Darlington Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 76711
 - C, Banora Green Darlington Drive Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 51784
 - D, Waterfall Park Natural Area and Drainage, 3770
 - E, Managed Open Space (Park Lands) and Natural Area, 19963
 - F, Uniacke Park Banora Point Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 4016
 - G, Natural Area, 154059
 - H, Terney Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 3777
 - I, Peter Solomon Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 2667
 - J, Toolona Av/Commin Av Corner Managed Open Space (Park Lands) and Natural Area, 2766
 - L, Leisure Drive Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 1336
 - M, Banora Point Community Centre Community Buildings, 10106
 - N, Honeymyrtle Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 3656
 - O, Nandina Terrace Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 559
 - P, Peppermint Place Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 5389
 - Q, Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 1558
 - R, Market Parade Managed Open Space (Park Lands) and Drainage, 18660
 - S, Durigan/Commin Avenue Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 1986
 - T, Chambers Lookout, 1299
 - U, Little Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 1118
 - V, Old Ferry Park Managed Open Space (Park Lands), 1708
 - W, George Old Park, 8232
 - X, Lochlmond Dr Drainage Reserve, 7394
 - Y, Dairair Park, 1182
 - Z, Covent Garden Way Park, 2272

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