

TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING TASK SHEET

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Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, 20 October 2009

Action is required for Item 9 as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [PR-CM] Kings Forest Preferred Project Report - Concept Plan – Residential Community Development – Council's Submission to the Department of Planning

**Cr K Milne
Cr B Longland**

RESOLVED that:-

1. Council endorses the attached draft submission in respect of the Kings Forest Preferred Project – Concept Plan – Residential Community Development – and submits it to the Department of Planning.
2. With respect to koala conservation, the submission should require strict adherence to the principles of SEPP 44 (Clause 3) and urge the Department of Planning to specify the principles applicable at the Koala Beach development at Pottsville as a basis for the protection of the Tweed Coast koala population.
3. Further expresses its concern in relation to overall sustainability aspects of the development given its sensitive nature and scale, and that the Department agrees to have further discussion with Councillors and staff in regard to those aspects.
4. Extends an invitation to the Minister Planning NSW to visit the Tweed Shire to become better informed of a number of State significant planning proposals currently under consideration by the State government
5. Investigates:
 - a) Opportunities for a Wildlife conservation subdivision model should be fully embraced.
 - b) The eastern side of the development, including the whole of the Cudgen Paddock, and the Heathlands, (as outlined in the Milledge submission) should be preserved to establish the minimum area required to maintain biodiversity.

- c) Further investigation of alternative access for the eastern entry road, including the possibility of the Reardon's/ Plantation Rd. should be provided.
 - d) Provision for long term wildlife monitoring should be established.
 - e) Any clearing or other works associated with the development including current pine removal activities should be carried out under wildlife friendly guidelines.
 - f) Wildlife tourism concepts and economic opportunities that are sympathetic to conservation objectives should be provided in the concept stage.
 - g) Opportunities to create partnerships for environmental education, facilities and research and development such as a biodiversity centre should be established.
 - h) A fully integrated Biodiversity Strategy should be developed to substantially increase biodiversity outcomes in a whole systems approach.
6. Best practice Social planning opportunities should be further investigated.
7. Low cost affordable housing opportunities, including cluster housing should be further investigated.
8. A sustainability strategy embracing principles of positive development with energy efficiency and wildlife tourism initiatives be investigated.
9. The proposal is considered a potential over development, in certain sites, mindful of its fragile location.

Amendment 2 was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Cr P Youngblutt, Cr D Holdom, Cr K Skinner, Cr B Longland, Cr K Milne, Cr J van Lieshout
AGAINST VOTE - Cr W Polglase

Amendment 2 on becoming the Motion was **Carried** - (Minute No317 refers)

FOR VOTE - Voting - Unanimous