

Council Considers Draft Planning Overlays

At its meeting last week, Council considered a number of draft planning overlays to be endorsed for public feedback or adopted for submission to the Minister for Planning.

The draft planning overlays considered included:

- Environmental Overlay Review and Building on Steep Slopes Guidelines
- Land Subject to Inundation Overlay
- Giant Gippsland Earthworm Environmental Significance Overlay

The Environmental Overlay Review and Building on Steep Slopes Guidelines aims to improve erosion controls so that planning permits are required where land slips are more likely and not required where there is a low risk.

The new guidelines will mitigate the risk associated for land owners and Council where buildings are developed without consideration for land slips and erosion.

The Land Subject to Inundation Overlay allows Council and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority to appropriately consider the risk to people and property of flooding in their area.

The Giant Gippsland Earthworm Environmental Significance Overlay will support and protect the Giant Gippsland Earthworms as well as map its habitat locations.

Both the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Giant Gippsland Earthworm Environmental Significance Overlay were open for public comment in late 2015.

Council will seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to commence public consultation on the draft Environmental Overlay Review and Building on Steep Sloped Guidelines and will utilise feedback to amend the planning overlay before adopting and making a submission to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Council will submit both the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and the Giant Gippsland Earthworm Environmental Significance Overlay to the Minister for Planning for approval.

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