

## Structure Plan refresh for Mirboo North

The Mirboo North Structure Plan has been updated and will be presented to the community for consultation in 2016/17.

This 'refresh' ensures changes to planning controls and State Government requirements are reflected in the Structure Plan. The changes also incorporate other Council work that has been undertaken and improves policy for decision-making.

Since the preparation of the previous plan (2004), Director Development Services, Bryan Sword, said bushfire and water catchment controls had changed, including changes to zone controls.

"Reviewing the structure plan provides the opportunity to improve existing policy and consider other changes that have occurred during this time including any changes to community views on town development," Mr Sword explained.

"An updated structure plan has the potential to be more user-friendly and it recognises other strategic work that has been completed since its development."

Mirboo North faces a number of challenges and/or limitations in relation to future growth including fire risk, erosion and landslip risk, difficulties with infrastructure servicing – especially reticulated sewer and potable water catchment restrictions.

"Recognition of these issues should be better reflected in the Structure Plan and the related Mirboo North Framework Plan in the Planning Scheme," Mr Sword concluded.

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