



Planning Amendment Referred to Independent Panel

At yesterday's Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Council resolved to refer Planning Scheme Amendment C133 to an independent Planning Panel for review.

The Amendment proposes to rezone Council-owned land at 14 Radovick Street, Korumburra from Public Use Zone to Commercial 1 Zone, and to rezone a portion of Victoria Street adjoining the site to General Residential Zone 1.

Community engagement on the Amendment was undertaken from 15 May to 17 June 2025, during which 43 submissions were received. A submission hearing was held on 6 August, where 10 submitters presented their views to Council.

Council's decision to refer the Amendment to Planning Panels Victoria means that all submissions will now be independently reviewed. Submitters will also have another opportunity to present their concerns during the Panel hearing.

Following the hearing, the Panel will prepare a report with recommendations, which will be provided to Council. Council will then consider the report at a future Council Meeting and must decide whether to:

- Adopt the Amendment as exhibited and request approval from the Minister for Planning,
- Adopt the Amendment with changes and request approval from the Minister for Planning, or
- Abandon the Amendment.

If the Amendment is abandoned, the current zoning will remain in place.

Quote attributable to Cr John Schelling, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council:

"Council recognises that this proposed rezoning continues to attract significant public interest as reflected in the number of submissions received. Council's decision to refer the matter to an independent Planning Panel is not unusual and is the regular process should a reasonable number of submissions be received. It's also important to note that under the current zoning, the land must be owned by Council and can only be used for purposes directly related to the functions of local government."

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