SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Council Minutes
Ordinary Meeting of Council
24 July 2019

Ordinary Meeting No. 436
Council Chambers, Leongatha
Commenced at 2.13pm
Adjourned 2.51pm

ADMINISTRATORS
Julie Eisenbise, Chair
Christian Zahra
Rick Brown

South Gippsland Shire Council - Ordinary Meeting of Council No. 442 - 26 February 2020
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Bryan Sword
Acting Chief Executive Officer
2. OBJECTIVE 1 - STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

2.1. LAND SUBJECT TO INUNDATION OVERLAY - SUBMISSIONS

Development Services Directorate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

South Gippsland Planning Scheme Amendment C116 (Amendment C116) proposes to update the existing Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) controls in the South Gippsland Planning Scheme and correct zone mapping errors. The LSIO is proposed to be applied to the Lang Lang River, Little Lang Lang River and their tributaries and a section of Muddy Creek on the western urban edge of Toora.

The Amendment proposes to correct zone mapping errors on 80 parcels by rezoning private freehold land adjoining waterways from the Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ) and Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to Farming Zone (FZ) or Township Zone (TZ).

Amendment C116 was exhibited for eight weeks, concluding on 8 February 2019. However, the deadline for submissions was extended at the request of residents to accommodate a town meeting held on 14 February 2019. A copy of the submissions received is in Confidential Attachment [15.1.1].

A total of fifteen responses were received, of which twelve are objections from landowners about the Muddy Creek LSIO, two with regard to the Nyora LSIO and one regarding the zone mapping correction.

Where submissions cannot be resolved, an Amendment must be referred to an Independent Planning Panel (Panel) for consideration before Council can make its final decision on an Amendment. In consultation with the Melbourne Water and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA), Council officers have formed the view that it is not possible to negotiate the withdrawal of all submissions and that a Panel is required. This report recommends Amendment C116 be referred to a Panel, with a further recommendation to change elements of Amendment provisions in response to issues raised in some of the submissions as discussed in Attachment [2.1.2].
RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Requests the Minister for Planning to appoint an Independent Planning Panel to consider South Gippsland Planning Scheme Amendment C116 as exhibited and submissions received to the Amendment that are not able to be resolved; and

2. Considers the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel prior to making a decision on Amendment C116.

MOVED: Administrator Brown
SECONDED: Administrator Zahra

THAT COUNCIL:

1. REQUESTS THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT PLANNING PANEL TO CONSIDER SOUTH GIPPSLAND PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C116 AS EXHIBITED AND SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED TO THE AMENDMENT THAT ARE NOT ABLE TO BE RESOLVED; AND

2. CONSIDERS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT PLANNING PANEL PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION ON AMENDMENT C116.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
REPORT

Background

South Gippsland Planning Scheme Amendment C116 (Amendment C116) proposes to update the existing Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) controls in the South Gippsland Planning Scheme and correct zone mapping errors. The LSIO is proposed to be applied to the Lang Lang River, Little Lang Lang River and their tributaries and a section of Muddy Creek on the western urban edge of Toora.

The Amendment also proposes to correct zone mapping errors on 80 parcels by rezoning private freehold land adjoining waterways from the Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ) and Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to Farming Zone (FZ) or Township Zone (TZ).

The reasons for preparing Amendment C116 were discussed in detail in the 28 March 2018 Ordinary Council Report which Council considered in its decision to seek authorisation and exhibit Amendment C116 (Attachment [2.1.1]). This report makes no further comment on the justification for the Amendment other than to note that the Planning Scheme's overlay controls should seek to accurately display land use and development constraints and risks, including the potential for storm water inundation.

Issues

The main concerns that were raised in the submissions are detailed in Confidential Attachment [15.1.1]. Further discussion on these issues is in Attachment [2.1.2].

- The impact on land values, land sales and insurance.
- The maintenance of Muddy Creek. Whose responsibility is it and if it was maintained better would an LSIO be necessary.
- The culverts and infrastructure on Victoria Street and on the South Gippsland Highway need to be increased.
- Council will be liable if the area floods.
- Council should provide compensation to landowners.
- The LSIO is not necessary, inappropriate and incorrectly assessed.
- One submission identified an error in the mapping of land proposed for rezoning in Kongwak.
Where submissions cannot be resolved, an Amendment must be referred to an Independent Planning Panel (Panel) for consideration before Council can make its final decision on an Amendment. In consultation with the Melbourne Water and the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Council officers have formed the view that it is not possible to negotiate the withdrawal of all submissions and that a Panel is required. As such, it is recommended that Amendment C116 be referred to a Panel, with a further recommendation to change elements of Amendment provisions in response to issues raised in some of the submissions.

In response to issues that may be able to resolved, it is recommended that Council:

- Seek West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's (WGCMA) views on concerns regarding the flood modelling.
- Make corrections to the rezoning maps in Kongwak.

CONSULTATION

Exhibition of Amendment C116 occurred for eight weeks and concluded on 8 February 2019. The deadline for submissions, however, was extended at the request of residents to accommodate a town meeting held on 14 February 2019. Exhibition notification was provided by:

- Postal notification to the owners and occupiers of all land where the LSIO is proposed to be applied.
- Public notice, press release and newspaper articles in local newspapers.
- Public notices, display information, and Amendment technical documentation provided at across the area affected by the Amendment.
- Extensive Amendment information on Council’s webpage and the Planning Ministry’s webpage.
- Phone calls to mining companies affected by the Amendment.

A town meeting was also organised by Councillor Skinner and community members. Council officers and WGCMA provided representatives to speak at the meeting. Approximately 40 community members attended this meeting.

A total of 15 responses were received, of which 12 are objections from landowners about the Muddy Creek LSIO, two with regard to the Nyora LSIO and one regarding the zone mapping correction.
RESOURCES

Financial considerations for Council directly related to the Report Recommendation are limited to payment of Panel costs.

RISKS

There are no risks to Council directly related to referring Amendment C116 to a Panel.

STAFF DISCLOSURE

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments are available on Council’s website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

3. Amendment C116 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay - Summary of Submissions and Response [2.1.2 - 3 pages]

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment [15.1.1.] – Amendment C116 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay – Submissions – has been provided in accordance with s.77(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1989, the Chief Executive Officer designates this item as confidential information on the grounds that it relates to s.89(2)(h) – any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any persons.

This is deemed confidential to protect the privacy of the submitters, submission and petition signatures.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Council Policy
Documents are available on Council’s website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

South Gippsland Planning Scheme

Legislative Provisions
Planning and Environment Act 1987