

The Hon Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



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Dear Ms Stevens

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Shoalhaven City Council about the Callala Bay Residential Expansion Area. I note you have also written to Ms Kiersten Fishburn, Secretary, Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, about this matter. Please accept this as a response to both enquiries.

I acknowledge Council's resolution seeking the NSW Government's support to rezone the land to C2 Environmental Conservation under the *Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014*.

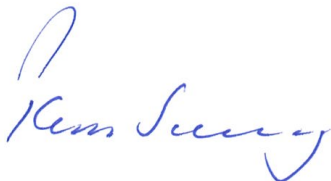
As you are aware, the land was rezoned in October 2022 following an extended two-month public consultation period. While there was community opposition to the rezoning, I am advised the Minister's delegate at the time determined the benefits of the rezoning outweighed any negative impacts. These benefits included the provision of 380 homes as well as the protection of 517 hectares of privately owned bushland directly adjoining the development site and at Kinghorne. This bushland will eventually be transferred to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for inclusion in the Jervis Bay National Park.

Should Council submit a planning proposal to the Department for the rezoning, the proposal will need to include sufficient evidence to demonstrate strategic and site-specific merit. This includes the potential impact on Council's ability to meet the Government's housing targets and measures proposed to replace the loss of housing resulting from the proposal.

Should Council have any questions, Chantelle Chow, Acting Director, Local Planning (Southern, Western and Macarthur Region), at the Department can be contacted on 02 9860 1548 or at chantelle.chow@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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