



Central Coast Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

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Tuesday 26 August 2025

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To be held in Central Coast Council Chambers,
2 Hely Street, Wyong
on Tuesday 26 August 2025
Commencing at 6:30 PM

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Central Coast Council
**Engaging on local
and regional land
use planning**

Draft Community Participation Plan
2025-2029

Central
Coast
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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. We pay our respects to Darkinjung country, and Elders past and present.

We recognise the continued connection to these lands and waterways and extend this acknowledgement to the homelands and stories of those who also call this place home.

We recognise our future leaders and the shared responsibility to care for and protect our place and people.

Effective planning shapes the future of the Central Coast while ensuring we protect the things that are most valued by our community. It is more important than ever to make sure we have the right balance of housing, infrastructure and services, while facilitating employment opportunities and looking after our beautiful environment.

This is a big task – made even bigger by the large geographic area we are responsible for. Community participation is essential to inform how we make planning decisions within the legislative framework in which we operate.

What is our Community Participation Plan (CPP)?

The Central Coast Community Participation Plan is designed to make community participation in planning matters easier and clearer for the community.

We have a responsibility to deliver the objectives of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) including the promotion of orderly and economic use of land, facilitating ecologically sustainable development and promoting social and economic wellbeing. Community participation refers to how we will engage with our community in our work under the EP&A Act.

The NSW Government requires Council to prepare a CPP to identify how and when we will inform and engage with our community as we carry out our planning functions.

How to participate in planning matters

There are a number of ways to get involved in planning matters:

- Make a formal submission to a proposal
- Visit Council's Administration Centre, website or libraries to access public exhibition documents
- Contact a Council officer if you require further information.

Role of exhibition

There are several factors that influence the type and level of community participation carried out during the planning and assessment process. These factors may include the nature, size and potential impact of the project. We will use a variety of notification methods to ensure the community is informed of planning projects and to outline opportunities to participate.

How we will notify

This table outlines planning functions and how we will notify the community.

	Written notification or letter	Newspaper advertisement	Central Coast Council website	Physical notice displayed on site
Draft Community Participation Plan	N	N The <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i> was permanently amended in April 2020 to remove requirements for newspaper advertising in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Y	N
Draft local strategic planning statements	N		Y	N
Planning proposals for local environmental plans subject to gateway determination	N		Y	N
Draft development control plans	N		Y	N
Draft contribution plans	N		Y	N
Application for development consent (other than for complying development certificate, for designated development or for State significant development)	Y *	N	Y	N
Application for development consent for designated development	Y	Y	Y	Y
Application for modification of development consent that is required to be publicly exhibited by the regulations.	Y	Y	Y	N
DA – application for development consent for State significant development	Advertisement of State Significant development is managed by the NSW Department of Planning.			

* There are some instances where notification of a Development Application may not be required. This is generally for minor amendments that do not affect a site. Please contact us or visit our website for further advice.

Consideration of submissions

The purpose of advertising proposed development is to enable the community to participate in the planning process through submissions. We have a duty to consider all submissions received during the assessment process.

For a submission to be recognised as an individual submission it must be unique and distinctive. For example, form letters and petitions will be treated as one unique submission. Similarly, a single submission signed by 10 individuals or identical submissions received from the same address will be counted as one unique submission.

Once submissions are considered, any concerns raised through this process may be conveyed to the applicant for response. Notice of the application's determination will be provided to every individual who makes a submission. In the case of submissions with multiple signatories, the notification will be extended to the first signatory.

Re-notifications/ re-advertisement

Where an applicant makes amendments to their application before a determination is reached, we may re-notify or re-advertise the application if, in the opinion of Council, the environmental impact of the development has significantly increased.

To qualify as a submission, the submission must:



be in writing by email or letter



be submitted within the nominated exhibition time period



reference the application, policy or plan being exhibited



be based on planning grounds in support or objection of the proposal



include the name, address and daytime telephone of the author

Submissions must be lodged with Council by 5pm on the final day of the exhibition period.

Submission process for development applications





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