

# Conservation Zones Review and Technical Studies

Dear community member

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the Conservation Zones Review project.

## **December 2023 update**

Since the completion of the public exhibition we have been consulting the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) on the proposals as part of a special “pilot project”.

In late November 2023, we received final advice from the Department about the project. Amongst other things, that advice directed Council to:

- retain existing conservation zoning throughout the Local Government Area, and
- remove natural hazard criteria (e.g. bushfire prone or flood prone land) and “Medium Environmental Value” criteria from the zoning methodology

We are currently amending our Conservation Zones criteria and re-mapping the outcomes for further consideration.

Upon completion of this work and other work associated with Council’s new Local Environmental Plan (LEP), a report will be presented to Council (mid-2024) to endorse a Planning Proposal for submission to the Department for a ‘Gateway Determination’. The Planning Proposal and updated draft land use zoning maps will be placed on statutory public exhibition following endorsement by Council and the issue of a Gateway Determination by the Department.

Please stay up to date on this significant project and encourage your friends to sign up for the latest information by clicking ‘follow’ button on the Your Say pages.

If you have a question about the project or one of the technical studies, please contact us.

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Regards

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