

## 2021 NI Plan Review - Call for public comments

### We want to hear your thoughts

The first step in a review of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 (NI Plan 2002) has begun with notice published in the Gazette inviting public comment on the effectiveness of the current Plan. A Discussion Paper is available to identify the general scope for the 2021 NI Plan Review and to facilitate discussion and public comment on the Plan.

The current review will focus on ‘housekeeping matters’ with the expectation that a major review of the NI Plan would take place following the outcome of the current Public Inquiry into the Norfolk Island Regional Council and relevant studies currently progressing or recently completed, including the Environmental Assessment, the Population Strategy and the CSIRO Water Resource Assessment. It is anticipated these studies will inform and guide a broad overhaul of Norfolk Island land use planning strategies that would be reflected and implemented through a new statutory land use plan for Norfolk Island.

While awaiting the outcomes of the Public Inquiry and conclusions of those studies, it is necessary to proceed with the ‘housekeeping’ review. This is due to various matters that have already been recommended for update and review to make the current NI Plan more workable and effective, and to reflect current community aspirations and priorities.

### General scope of the Review

The range of issues proposed for consideration during the review include -

- Changes and updates to reflect the October 2018 amendments to the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* and subsequent repeal of the *Norfolk Island Planning and Environment Board Act 2002*
- Recognise Norfolk Island Regional Council’s role in implementing the NI Plan
- Changes resulting from the introduction of Development Control Plans for Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historic Area; and the current review of existing Development Control Plans such as for Water Resources
- Update various definitions and procedures; and
- Correct drafting errors and general housekeeping matters.

### Who can make a submission

Any person is entitled to make a submission to comment on the effectiveness of the current Plan in promoting the objectives of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)*.

### Period for public comment & closing date for submissions

Public comments must be received by Monday 30 August 2021. The current Norfolk Island Plan and supporting maps and development control plans can be viewed at ‘Planning and Development - Planning Instruments’ at Council’s website <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/planning-and->

[development-planning-instruments](#). Hard copies of the current Norfolk Island Plan and maps are available at Customer Care and the Planning and Building Office at Kingston.

The Discussion Paper is available at Council's Planning and Development website at <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/services/planning-and-development>. Hard copies are also available at Customer Care and the Planning and Building Office at Kingston.

### **Submission requirements**

Submissions must be made in writing (email is acceptable) and delivered to the Council by

1. Email to [planning@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:planning@nirc.gov.nf); or
2. Post to the General Manager, PO Box 95 Norfolk Island 2899; or
3. Hand delivery to Customer Care.

All submissions must reference as the subject 'Submission – 2021 Review of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002'. Submissions must clearly indicate the names, postal address or e-mail of person(s) making the submission.

If you have any questions in the first instance please email your query to [planning@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:planning@nirc.gov.nf) or phone 23595.

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