



MEDIA RELEASE

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) is underway. 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.

Meanwhile, it is necessary to proceed with the 'housekeeping' review to address matters such as updating definitions to reflect contemporary society and new ideas for development; consider more flexibility by reviewing the range of activities that might be permitted without the need for development approval; and to consider perhaps a broader range of compatible activities in the Burnt Pine area. A Discussion Paper for Community Consultation is available to identify the general scope for the 2021 NI Plan Review and to facilitate discussion and public comment on the Plan. You can view a copy at Customer Care, at Council's website or request a copy be emailed to you- send your request to planning@nirc.gov.nf.

Who can make a submission

Any person is entitled to make a submission to comment on the effectiveness of the current Plan and matters that could be considered in the current review.

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; 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 or phone 23595.

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