



MEDIA RELEASE

Norfolk Island Plan 2002 Draft Housekeeping Amendment 2022

Call for public comments

We want to hear your thoughts

The Norfolk Island Plan 2002 Draft Housekeeping Amendment 2022 is now available for viewing and the community is invited to make comments on the draft Plan over the next four weeks.

This current review has focused on ‘housekeeping matters’, being those matters which can improve the application and implementation of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 (NI Plan) without major changes. It is expected that a major review of the NI Plan will take place following completion of relevant studies including the current Population Strategy. This work will inform and guide a broad overhaul of Norfolk Island land use planning strategies, anticipated to be reflected and implemented through a new statutory land use plan for Norfolk Island.

In the meantime, it is necessary to proceed with the statutory ‘periodic review’ of the NI Plan as a ‘housekeeping’ review. The review is needed to address various matters that are limiting the user experience, contextual appropriateness, transparency, and overall effectiveness of the NI Plan to deliver and represent the community’s values, desires, priorities and aspirations.

The first step of the review was an invitation for public comment on the effectiveness of the Plan published in the Gazette in July 2021. A document titled ‘Norfolk Island Plan 2022 Periodic Review 2021 Discussion Paper for Community Consultation - August 2021’ was made available to facilitate community consultation. Twenty-seven (27) submissions were received and covered a wide range of matters; many of which are more relevant to a broader review of the NI Plan as planned to commence in 2023, but beyond the scope of this current ‘housekeeping’ review.

This Community Consultation on the draft Housekeeping Amendments is the next stage of the current review. The draft plan and a supporting Explanatory Report are available for public inspection at Council’s website - Documents on Public Exhibition at [Documents on Public Exhibition | Norfolk Island Regional Council \(gov.nf\)](#).

Any person is entitled to make a submission to comment on the draft plan. Submissions must be received by Monday 28 November 2022.

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 Customer Care on 22244.

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