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## Norfolk Island Plan 2002 Housekeeping Amendment 2022 Effective 16 March 2023

The Norfolk Island Plan 2002 Housekeeping Amendment 2022 was approved by the Administrator as the Minister's delegate on 9 March 2023 and became effective on 16 March 2023. The new plan now applies for all statutory land use and development activity across Norfolk Island. The amendments focus on 'housekeeping matters', being those matters which can improve the application and implementation of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 without major changes. The aims of the amendments are to:

- Reflect amendments to legislation and specifically the *Planning Act 2002* (NI) and ensure clarity in language and interpretation
- Revise definitions to reflect contemporary society and practices
- Provide clarification on a number of unclear matters in the Plan
- Restructure the Plan to improve legibility and to clearly establish its application
- Reflect changes resulting from the introduction of the Development Control Plan for Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area; and the revised Development Control Plan No. 2 Water Resources.

The draft plan was made available for inspection between 28 October and 28 November 2022. A total of ten (10) submissions were received during the public consultation period. A Report, '*Norfolk Island Plan 2022 Draft Housekeeping Amendment 2022 Submissions Report – January 2023*' summarises key issues raised and outlines Council's response to the matters raised in the submissions. The changes made to the exhibited draft plan as a result of consideration of the submissions are explained and shown in the Report.

It is expected that a major strategic review of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 will commence in the second half of 2023. It is anticipated that the Sustainable Population Strategy currently being prepared and driven by the Council of Elders will be completed by the end of June this year. In conjunction with other studies recently completed, including the Environmental Assessment (2021) and Food Strategy (2023), the Sustainable Population Strategy 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. A broad strategic review and overhaul of land use planning can take up to two years and requires extensive community consultation.

The Amended Norfolk Island Plan 2002 and supporting maps are available at [Planning and Development - Planning Instruments | Norfolk Island Regional Council \(gov.nf\)](#). The Submissions Report is available at [Planning and Development | Norfolk Island Regional Council \(gov.nf\)](#).

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