

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

REVISED COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PLAN



What is a Community Participation Plan (CPP)?

A CPP is a document that sets out how and when a planning authority will engage with its community on planning projects.

When did Council adopt its CPP?

Following changes to NSW legislation, Council was required to have a CPP finalised, uploaded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) ePlanning portal, and in effect by 1 December 2019.

Council met this requirement and has a CPP in place.

Why is this plan needed?

The CPP is a requirement for all planning authorities under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). Central Coast Council is a planning authority that undertakes planning functions at a local government level.

What are the objectives of the Central Coast CPP?

- To provide clear information so the community knows when and how they can participate in planning projects.
- To establish and communicate principles that guide Council's approach to participation in planning matters.
- To meet the statutory requirements for notification and exhibition on planning matters.

How does this plan differ from Central Coast Council's Engagement Framework?

The CPP relates to planning matters. The Central Coast Engagement Framework provides guidance on Council's approach to community engagement across all projects and functions.

What does the revised draft CPP include?

Following the adoption of Council's CPP on 25 November 2019, Council has further workshopped the content of the Plan, having regard to Councillor input and necessary changes to business practice and related legislative changes due to the introduction of Central Coast Local Planning Panel and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council has revised the Plan and expanded it to include the following sections:

Part 1 of The CPP outlines Central Coast Council's principles for community participation.

Part 2 Outlines the minimum public exhibition timeframes for each of the different types of planning functions that Council deals with.

Part 3 Outlines the process for consideration, and the role of each Responsible Planning Authority (RPA), for determination of various planning matters. RPAs include the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hunter/Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel (HCCJRPP), the Local Planning Panel (LPP), and Council.



Part 4 includes a dictionary of planning terms to help the community develop a greater understanding of the CPP and planning in general. It also includes information clarifying how to make a submission, what constitutes a submission, how that submission will be considered, and commits to advising the submitter of the outcome.

What is not included in the CPP?

The CPP does not include specific methods and strategies for community engagement. Each planning project is different and will involve different communities and stakeholders. Councils' Engagement Team work with Council planning staff to develop an engagement strategy for each individual project.

Do I still need to refer to Council's DCP Chapters on - *Notification of Development Proposals*.

Yes. Council's current DCPs

- Gosford DCP, 2013 – Chapter 7.3; and
- Wyong DCP, 2013 – Chapter 1.2

provide further detailed information on the notification procedures for different types of development. This information will soon be transferred into Council's new draft DCP which will apply to the entire Central Coast area following the adoption of the draft comprehensive Central Coast Local Environmental Plan (CCLEP).

How will I be notified on planning projects so that I can participate?

Council's current DCP identifies whether a development proposal will notify adjoining residents and or be advertised publicly.

Please refer to the table labelled Appendix A in Chapter 7.3 for the Gosford DCP or Chapter 1.2 for the Wyong DCP.

What are some other ways I can find out about planning projects?

Planning projects and Public Exhibition items are also found at

<https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/>

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centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/enews

How can I comment?

Submissions will be accepted until **5.00pm**

Thursday 12 November 2020 by:

- the [online submission form](#).
- Email at ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au;
or
- Post:
 - PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259;
 - PO Box 21, Gosford NSW 2250.

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