



DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

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DSDS7 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOCUS GROUP FOR REVIEW OF RESIDENTIAL LAND RELEASE STRATEGY FILE: 727 GLR {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting the results of a call for Expressions of Interest (EOI's) from residents within the Kempsey Shire to serve on a Focus Group for the Review of Council's Residential Land Release Strategy

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BACKGROUND:

A brief is currently being prepared seeking EOI's from suitable consultants to review Council's Residential Land Release Strategy. As part of Council's Consultation Strategy, it is recommended that Focus Groups form part of the creation of Strategic Documents. MANEX determined that it would be appropriate to form a Focus Group to review the Residential Land Release Strategy, having regard to an expected high level of public interest. EOI's were sought from residents within the Kempsey Shire via advertisements in the local newspaper and a notice on Council's website. The submission period was from September 28 2007 to October 26 2007.

Summary of EOI's Received – A total of 16 EOI's were received which are summarised in the table below: - [\(Appendix B Part1, Part 2 – Page G2\)](#)

Applicant Name – Place of Residence	Age Group	Gender	Interests	Organisations / Declared Affiliations
Barry Ramke – Kempsey Town	60+	M	Supporter Kempsey Rotary, Member Cedar Place, Macleay Valley Mustangs, Kempsey Canonballs, Collombatti RFS, Macleay Landcare Network	NSW Farmers Association, NPWS Advisory Committee, Flood Risk Management Committee, Rural Fire Service Management and Coordinating Committees
Shane	18 -24	M	Town	Planning Institute of

Rhinehold – East Kempsey			Planning, Desire to See community prosper. Lifelong Kempsey Resident, apart from University – Soccer, Postgraduate Planning Studies	Australia (PIA) – Employed by DEX Consulting, who has semi-regular contact with Council.
Roslyn Keifer – South West Rocks	60+	Female	Sustainable Environment, Community Cohesion, Affordable Appropriate community facilities.	Arakoon Bush Care, SWR Ratepayers & Citizens Association, Friends of SWR, SWR Maritime Precinct Historical Society, SR Surf Club, View Club and SWR Country Club.
Kempsey & District Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. – Nominee Representative Mike Dutton – Managing Director of DEX Consulting	51-59	Male	Sustainability, Quality of Life, Kempsey’s Future, Environment, Good Planning	Chamber of Commerce (President), RSL (Vice President), Engineer Aust, IPWEA. Has listed working as a Planning Consultant under disclosures.
Rodney Channells - West Kempsey	60+	Male	Positive Growth for Kempsey, own business operator for 29 years – Channells Earthmoving	Trakmaster Caravan Club, Fishing, Sports
Ralph Walker – Smithtown	60+	Male		Captain / President Gladstone Smithtown RFS, Executive Member Rural Fire Service Association, Committee member Aust / NZ & International Standards Association

Margaret Rix – Kempsey	36-50	Female	Sustainable Development, Environmental Issues, Race Relations, Affordable Housing, Education, Youth, Aged Care, Tourism and Promotion	Member of the Department of Community Services Partnerships & Planning team and has worked closely with Council in the past. Applying as individual.
Vanessa Standing – Kempsey*	51-59	Female	Wildlife Conservation, Animal Welfare, Environmental Protection & Restoration, water quality and biodiversity.	Koala Preservation Society of NSW, the Australian Koala Foundation, Koalas in Care Inc, RSPCA, Humane Society International, Australian Veterinary Association, Macleay Landcare Network.
Joanne Watts – Crescent Head*	51-59	Female	Helping Crescent Head become a better place.	Fire Brigade, Lions, Chamber of Commerce.
Christa Schwoebel – Kempsey North*	60+	Female	Social Justice, Environment, Renewable Energy	Macleay Valley Arts Council, Women's International League of Peace and Freedom, Macleay Nuclear Free Alliance.
Astrid McCormick*	Not advised	Female		Currently working with Nestle in Quality Assurance.
Pauline Voase*	51-59	Female	Training and Education, Agribusiness, economic development	Macleay Women's Business Network
Toni Winters – Greenhills*	36-50	Female	Aged and Community Care, Community Finance and Spending, Youth and Crime.	
Karen Gribbin – SWR*	36-50	Female	Environment, Heritage, Cultural Arts	SWR Ratepayers, SWR Maritime Precinct Inc, SWR Arts Council, Friends of SWR.

Bob Wolcott – SWR*	60+	Male	Environment, Planning issues, particularly at the initial stage(Kempsey LEP, Residential Land Release Strategy and SWR Structure Plan)	SWR RSL, SWR Ratepayers, Friends of SWR, Arakoon Bush Care, Australian Wildlife Conservancy, National Parks Association.
Karolee Wolcott – SWR*	60+	Female	Issues for remote rural families, agriculture, environment, engaging community in sustainable development in their town and surrounding areas.	Australian Women in Agriculture, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women Leaders Network (WLN), NSW Farmers Assn, International Women's Organisations.

*Denotes Referral from Council's Central Consultation Register

Council needs to consider the EOI's received, and determine suitable members for the focus group. Council also needs to ensure that the focus group has as broad representation as possible. It is suggested that the Group be comprised of: -

- Director Sustainable Development Services (or his nominee)
- 5 community representatives
- 1 Councillor

The consultants, who are engaged to undertake the Residential Land Release Brief, will be required to facilitate meetings of the Focus Group prior to the production of a draft plan for public exhibition.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environmental**

Nil

- **Social**

Nil

- **Economic (Financial)**

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. That Council nominate 5 community representatives for the focus group from the list provided in this report.**
- B. That Council nominate at least one Councillor representative for the Focus Group.**

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