Adoption of this Strategy

Tweed Urban and Employment Land Release Strategy 2009 was adopted by Council on the 17 March 2009. Council’s resolution states:

RECOMMENDED that Council:


2. Adopts the final Tweed Urban and Employment Land Release Strategy 2009, as amended and provided as an attachment to this report;

3. Adopts Land Release Option 11.3 of Tweed Urban Land Release Strategy as the major direction for land release within Tweed Shire as an interim approach, until the findings of Council’s Flood Study and related Risk Management Strategy have been reviewed and determined by Council;

4. Endorses that a copy of the Strategy be forwarded to Regional Director – Department of Planning for inclusion in the review of the upcoming Far North Coast Regional Strategy
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The Far North Coast Regional Strategy (issued in December 2006) requires Tweed Shire Council to prepare a Local Growth Management Strategy prior to rezoning further land for urban, commercial and industrial uses. The format for a Local Growth Management Strategy is not fixed and it can be a single document or a series of interrelated documents.

Tweed Shire Council initially chose to address future employment lands and future urban lands in two separate, but related documents. They have been prepared at the same time and exhibited and reviewed at the same time. Much of the base line information is shared between the two documents. These two Strategies are major components of a Local Growth Management Strategy.

It is important that these two Strategies be considered together to ensure the long term sustainability of Tweed Shire. The final versions of the Tweed Shire Employment Lands Strategy and the Tweed Shire Urban Lands Strategy are now combined under a single cover to emphasise the need to look at both strategies together. They should also be considered in conjunction with the Tweed Retail Strategy (2005).

It is also important that the relationship between the Far North Coast Regional Strategy and Local Growth Management Strategies be understood. The following flow chart demonstrates that relationship and how Council will deal with any requests for the rezoning of land for urban or employment purposes over the life of the current Strategies.

GHD has prepared these strategies for Tweed Shire Council with the assistance of the AEC Group.
Local and Regional Strategies and the Rezoning Process

Is your Parcel of land identified in the Tweed Employment Lands or Urban Land Release Strategy?
- Yes
  - Is your land identified in one of these strategies as:
    - 0 - 10 yr timeframe
    - 10 - 20 yr timeframe
    - 20 + yr timeframe
    - Please re-apply when your land is in the correct timeframe
  - Landowner to contact Council’s Planning Reform Unit
    - Does Council have the resources to proceed?
      - Yes
      - No
        - Discuss with Council Officers when resources may be available
  - Confirm what is required to support your rezoning
      - State Environmental Planning Policies
      - S94 Contributions Plan
      - Planning Agreement with Council
      - Local Environmental Study – NSW State Govt. requirement
        - Need to prepare master plan / concept plan for entire investigation area.
        - Lodge rezoning application with appropriate supporting documentation
      - Does Council have the resources to proceed?
        - Yes
        - No
          - Re-apply when your land is in the correct timeframe

Is your Parcel of land identified in the Far North Coast Regional Strategy?
- Yes
  - Is your land zoned for Urban or Employment Lands under the Tweed LEP?
    - No
      - Your land has been assessed as unsuitable for Urban or Employment Lands at this time
        - Re-apply when your land is in the correct timeframe
      - Yes
        - Your land has been assessed as unsuitable for Urban or Employment Lands at this time
          - See Council’s Development Control Section regarding proceeding with development options

Disclaimer:
Proponents are reminded that all rezoning applications and supporting documentation are to be prepared at cost to the proponent, in line with Council’s current fees and charges schedule.

Not all land identified in the urban land release strategy and employment lands strategy may be developed for urban purposes. All sites will be subject to more detailed investigations to determine capability and future yield.