

Attachment 7:

Draft Rural Land Strategy (re-exhibition February 2019)

Responses from attendees to proforma questionnaire at community meeting convened by the Murwillumbah District Chamber of Commerce Friday 8 March 2019 at The Haven Bar & Restaurant Murwillumbah

| Response | Do you support Detached Dual Occupancy (second dwelling) on rural land 10ha and above | Do you support Detached Dual Occupancy (second dwelling) on rural land 40ha and above | Do you support the relaxation of the criteria required for approval of a rural workers dwelling? (e.g. removing the need for the property to be in a remote location to be approved) | Do you support subdivision below the minimum lot size of 40ha in RU2 zoned properties where the land is deemed un-productive agricultural land? | Do you support subdivision below the minimum lot size of 10ha in RU2 zoned properties where the land is deemed un-productive agricultural land? | Do you support increasing the minimum lot size that exists in some areas of the RU1 Zone from the current minimum of 10ha to a proposed minimum of 40ha? |
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| Yes | 74 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 71 | 6 |
| No | 5 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 70 |
| No answer | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Unsure | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Sample additional written responses included:

- There is a rental and housing crisis in this area, it is sensible to change current regulations to address public need.
- Concerned for our aging farmers being able to stay on their farms and out of nursing homes if their families can build on the property.
- Don't understand why all Shires around us allow for Detached dual occupancy & ours does not.
- Would like to have the choice to build a house to raise my future family under my own roof and not bunking in with my Mum & Dad.
- Don't want to subdivide. Just like a second house 250-300m away from current house. House will provide housing security for our ageing family and young family.
- Second dwelling on rural property should be allowed for financial, social (helping people to live out of town) family (farming is mostly a family business).
- Bank will lend money for a 40ha block with a detached dwelling more than without it.
- Agriculture in the Tweed has very poor returns and Council need to know; and combined with the very high cost of land.
- Kangaroo Island farmers are permitted to have extra accommodation for tourists. Able to supplement their incomes in a huge way (\$700 per night).
- Farmers need support of their council to continue farming. Farmers need options, the world is changing and the council needs to move with it. We love and nurture our farm, we have raised our children on the land. Income we get off the land is the same as what it was 20 years ago and expenses have tripled over the years yet we still farm. Need options so we can continue to farm. Whether it's a second dwelling or the ability to have functions will give us options.