



C. Assessment: v. NSW Coastal Policy Assessment

Principles	
1	Protecting, rehabilitating and improving the natural environment of the coastal zone.
	<p>The ecological assessment submitted with the proposal identifies that the Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) on the site is predominantly located within the E2 Environmental Conservation zoned area of the site. This portion of the site is identified as an inter-regional corridor within the strategic regional planning framework (Central Coast Regional Plan – CCRP. Some minor boundary adjustments of the E2 zone extent may be required to reflect this EEC.</p> <p>The assessment also identifies however that the remainder of the site as zoned E3 contains actual and potential habitat for a number of threatened fauna species (including microbats and squirrel gliders). The site also forms part of a local corridor connecting the riparian corridor through the site to the north.</p> <p>Further investigative studies and agency consultation regarding this matter are required.</p>
2	Recognising and accommodating the natural processes of the coastal zone.
	<p>The subject site does not have foreshore frontage and is located a significant distance from the coastline. Future development would be unlikely to be impacted by coastal processes and coastal hazards.</p>
3	Protecting and enhancing the aesthetic qualities of the coastal zone.
	<p>As per Principle 1.</p> <p>The southern portion of the site is bounded by Karignan Creek which flows into Lake Macquarie. The zoning of this portion of the site is not proposed to alter from the current E2 Environmental Conservation zone.</p>
4	Protecting and conserving the cultural heritage of the coastal zone.
	<p>Preliminary investigations have not identified areas or objects of Aboriginal cultural significance; however this is subject to confirmation through further investigative studies.</p>
5	Providing for ecologically sustainable development and use of resources.
	<p>As per Principle 1.</p> <p>The subject site is recognised as having some development potential and will provide for additional housing within the locality.</p>
6	Providing for ecologically sustainable human settlement in the coastal zone.
	<p>As per Principle 1.</p> <p>The site is located between two (2) existing residential settlements and is consistent with the character of the locality.</p>
7	Providing for appropriate public access and use.
	<p>The southern portion of the site is bounded by Karignan Creek which flows into Lake Macquarie. The zoning of this portion of the site is not proposed to alter from the current E2 Environmental Conservation zone. This is currently privately owned land. In the event the proposed land transfer to Council as proposed is not supported, the access arrangements to the creek and lake foreshore will remain unaltered.</p>
8	Providing information to enable effective management of the coastal zone.
	<p>Not applicable.</p>



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9 Providing for integrated planning and management of the coastal zone.

The subject site is identified as a development precinct (Precinct 19) for long term residential development by the North Wyong Shire Structure Plan (NWSSP).

Further investigative studies to be undertaken as part of the rezoning process will enable these matters to be resolved.