

## **WYONG SHRE COUNCIL**

### **SUMMARY – PROPOSED CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY**

The projected impacts of climate change will cut across all areas of Wyong Shire. The purpose of the Wyong Climate Change Policy is to provide interim guidance until major Risk Management Plans (for example the Coastline Management Plan) are completed. It provides an overarching framework to address the likely impacts through appropriate risk assessments for all vulnerable developments and guides strategic and planning decisions to minimise the risk to community into the future.

The Policy encompasses a range of potential impacts of climate change and is not limited to sea level rise. It addresses impacts such as increased intensity and frequency of bushfire and flooding, heatwaves, human health implications and natural resource management.

Through a risk based approach, a Climate Change Allowance is applied to raise floor levels in areas vulnerable to future sea level rise. This approach provides a mechanism to implement the State Government Sea level Rise Policy (Nov 2009) and increases certainty and security for residents whose properties may be at risk into the future.

The Policy is supported by **Guidelines for Adaptation to Climate Change** (referred to as the Technical Guidelines) which can be updated as new scientific information becomes available. The documents on exhibition include:

- The Council Business Report and recommendations (2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009)
- The proposed Climate Change Policy
- The Technical Guidelines
- Worked Examples

#### **Exhibition**

The Policy will be placed on public exhibition from **21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 until 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010** during regular business hours at the following locations:

- Wyong Council Chambers, Hely Street Wyong;
- Lake Haven Information centre, Lake Haven Shopping Centre, Lake Haven;
- Tuggerah Information Centre, Westfield Shopping Centre, Tuggerah.

Submissions in writing may be made to the undersigned up until 4:30pm on **15<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. Where objection is made, the grounds of objection are to be specified.

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act which allows for possible access to certain public and personal documentation.

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