

MEDIA RELEASE

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Norfolk Island Plan 2002 - Housekeeping Amendments 2025 – Call for public comments

The Norfolk Island Plan 2002 ('the NI Plan'), the statutory land use plan for Norfolk Island has been in effect since 2004. A number of variations to the NI Plan have been made since that time, most recently in March 2023. Since then, a number of necessary corrections and amendments have been identified that would help interpretation and improve efficiencies in application of the Plan.

Council resolved in March 2025 to recommend that a draft plan be prepared to make amendments to improve clarity and efficiency in implementation of the Plan. A draft Plan and explanatory information is now available for public review at Council's website at <https://www.nirc.gov.au/Your-council/Council-documents/Documents-for-public-exhibition> and at Customer Care.

The recommended amendments to the NI Plan are generally described as

- Typographical corrections
- Corrections to terminology for consistency in use throughout the Plan
- Adjustments to text to improve interpretation and clarity
- Review Administrative and Purpose Definitions to improve intent and consistency in interpretation.

No changes are proposed to subdivision standards or zoning of any land.

Who can make a submission

Any person is entitled to make a submission in response to review of the draft plan.

Period for public comment & closing date for submissions

Public comments must be received by Monday 7 November 2025. Submissions must be made in writing (email is acceptable) and delivered to Council by:

1. Email to planning@nirc.gov.nf; or
2. Post to the General Manager, PO Box 95, Norfolk Island 2899; or
3. Hand delivered to Customer Care.

Please reference submissions with the subject: 'Submission: NI Plan 2002 Housekeeping Amendments 2025'. Submissions must clearly indicate the names, postal address or e-mail of person(s) making the submission.

If you have any questions in the first instance please email your query to planning@nirc.gov.nf or phone 23595.

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