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Help shape Fraser Coast neighbourhoods

Local residents and businesses are invited to have their say on how future housing, neighbourhoods and infrastructure will develop across the region, with public consultation now open on the first package of proposed changes to the Fraser Coast Planning Scheme.

Consultation is open from **27 February to 1 May 2026**, giving the community the opportunity to review what's proposed and make a submission.

Information about the proposed changes, including plain-English summaries, maps and submission details is available at https://haveyoursay.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/psr-amendment-package-1

Residents can also speak directly with Council officers at pop-up information sessions and book a Quick Connect conversation with Council planners during the consultation period.

Fraser Coast Regional Council Planning and Development spokesperson Cr Denis Chapman said Amendment Package One was the first step in a staged program to keep the planning scheme up to date as the region grows.

"The planning scheme is the rule book that guides where homes and businesses can be built and helps ensure a balance of living, working and recreational spaces," he said.

"This first package of proposed changes focuses on targeted updates to improve clarity, respond to growth and make sure our planning rules reflect current laws and standards.

"For many residents, zoning won't change at all, and existing lawful uses are protected.

"Most of the proposed updates relate to how future development is planned, rather than what people can do with their homes right now."

Cr Chapman said planning for a wider mix of housing types was an important part of supporting future communities.

"When most housing is made up of large, standalone homes, it can be harder for smaller households or single-income families to find something that suits their needs and budget," he said.

"A greater mix of home types helps people live closer to what they need, makes better use of existing infrastructure and supports more liveable neighbourhoods over time.

"There are also proposed changes to support more housing choice and other appropriate development in suitable locations.

“That includes clearer rules for things like lot sizes and small-scale housing, such as dual occupancies and triplexes, where it makes sense and is supported by existing infrastructure.”

Cr Chapman said the proposed amendments include updates to zoning and mapping, the strategic framework, local plans for specific areas, planning for natural hazards and environmental protection, development rules and a new Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

“These updates are about guiding future growth thoughtfully, improving safety and resilience, and protecting what matters to our community,” he said.

“This consultation is the community’s opportunity to check what’s proposed, ask questions and have a say before decisions are made.”

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