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Submission to Central Coast Council on One LEP One DCP for the Coast

Public Conservation Zone

The absence of a Public Conservation zone is a serious deficiency in the proposed consolidated LEP. Such a zone is needed to provide the COSS lands with robust, long-term protection of their environmental and aesthetic values. The protection they deserve.

The Killcare Wagstaffe Trust urges the Central Coast Council to defer completion of the consolidated LEP until the State government agrees to the inclusion of a Public Conservation zone in the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan.

Straight after the introduction of the new SI LEP in 2011 the old Gosford Council recognised that the protection of the COSS lands offered by the E2 zoning was inadequate. They campaigned hard to get a Public Conservation (E5) zone adopted. We know that the State Government agreed to provide one in 2014 only to withdraw its support without an adequate explanation.

This decision can still be reversed and we ask the new Council to maintain your resolve on this issue and pursue the argument for a Public Conservation Zone. The COSS lands are an essential part of the character and identity of the Central Coast. Their implementation and protection provides an example to be followed and built upon, rather than diluted.

In addition to protecting COSS lands, this zone would provide every LGA in the state with the opportunity to strengthen the protection of land with high environmental values that they have in their care.

Instead of the E5 designation we would prefer to see a Public Conservation zone be incorporated into the E1 zone, either as a sub-zone (E1 b) or with the definition of the

E1 zone changed to include all public land needing long-term protection on account of high environmental values

Specific Comments for the Killcare Wagstaffe Area

- 1) Land behind 8 Blythe Street and 4 Fraser Road should be E2 instead of E3. This is steep pristine bush which borders Bouddi National Park.
- 2) Block 48 Fraser Rd with a dwelling was 7(a) should be E2 instead of E3. This land borders Bouddi National Park (Fletchers Glen).
- 3) Land between Flora Avenue and Hawke Head Drive previously zoned 7(a) should be E2 instead of E3. This land is heavily vegetated and is a corridor to Bouddi National Park.
- 4) Stewart St Reserve should be E2 instead of E3. It was formerly 7(a)

Submitted on behalf of the Killcare Wagstaffe Trust

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