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URBAN PLANNING SOCIAL POLICY & PLANNING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MARKET RESEARCH

8 March 1994

Dear Sir/Madam

REVIEW OF STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY NO. 15 - MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY OF RURAL LANDS

State Environmental Planning Policy No. 15 was introduced by the Department of Planning in January, 1988 to enable, and provide guidelines for, multiple occupancy (MO) in certain rural areas throughout the State, subject to planning consent. A copy of the policy (as amended) together with explanatory diagrams and notes are attached.

Since that time, many new MOs have been approved under the provisions of the policy while others that were already established have subsequently been granted consent.

The Department is now reviewing the policy to assess the adequacy of the provisions within the policy and the extent and impact of its use throughout the State. The review will also attempt to identify any land use or Policy issues and conflicts arising from the operation of the policy.

Purdon Associates in conjunction with Christopher M. Murray and Associates, have been engaged by the Department to undertake an independent State-wide review. Initial consultation with local councils have been completed. This included not only those Councils operating under the policy, but also those which have chosen to incorporate separate provisions to enable MO into their local environmental plan. Other relevant State Government authorities have also been consulted.

Based on responses received in the first stage of the review, the following local government areas have been selected for case study purposes:

BELLINGEN KYOGLE

BYRON LISMORE KEMPSEY SHOALHAVEN

Byron LGA is the only area among these operating under separate MO provisions in an LEP. These areas were selected as they have had the most experience with MO applications and development.

As your community is located within one of these case study areas, we now seek your input into the review. Attached is a survey form designed to enable information to be gathered in relation to:

- (i) the design, structure and nature of your MO (including management, financing, activities/lifestyles offered and population); and
- (ii) the adequacy of specific elements within the policy (including objectives and minimum requirements for development).

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This form has been prepared in consultation with members of the Bellingen Multiple Occupancy Action group, the Pan-Community Council and the Department of Planning.

Your assistance, by completing the attached form, would be greatly appreciated. Where possible, one form only is to be completed by your MO. Where there are distinct separate communities within your MO, separate forms should be completed for each. Additional copies of the survey form can be made as required for this purpose. Any such separate communities may have formed in response to difference lifestyle choices and ideals and it is considered that separate forms should be completed to enable a thorough representation of views.

Could you please return the completed form to our office in the enclosed reply paid envelope not later than 31 March 1994. Individual returns will be treated in confidence.

If you would like to discuss the policy, the review or any other relevant issue, a member of the consultant team will be present in your area in late March. Details of these visits are outlined in the following table. Appointments can be made through the relevant contact name at each Council.

DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATION	PHONE	COUNCIL CONTACT FOR APPOINTMENTS	CONSULTANT MEMBER
Mon 21 March	Kempsey	Town Planning Interview Room	(065) 626077	Michelle Angel	Chris Murray
Tue 22 March	Bellingen	Council Chambers	(066) 551027	Emma Anderson	Chris Murray
Wed 23 March	Lismore	Interview Room	(066) 250500	Noeline Smith	Chris Murray
Thu 24 March	Kyogle	Council Meeting Room	(066) 321611	Lyn Hannigan	Chris Murray
Thu 24 March	Shoalhaven	Council Committee Room #7	(044) 293266	Melinda Hutchinson	Brenton Dickins
Fri 25 March	Byron	Council Chambers	(066) 856500	Sarah Shaw	Chris Murray

Should you have any enquiries regarding the survey form or the project in general, please contact Brenton Dickins on (06) 257 1511.

Yours sincerely

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ROBERT PURDON

Director