

# North Burnett Regional Council Proposed Business Resilience

# Planning Scheme Amendment



## WHY HAVE A PLANNING SCHEME?

Each Council must have a planning scheme to guide the development and use of land, ensuring sustainable growth and community well-being.

The scheme provides a framework for making decisions on land use and ensuring compliance with state and local policies. It is a legal document required under the *Planning Act 2016*.

## WHY AMEND THE SCHEME?

The North Burnett Regional Council's 'Business Resilience' amendment is part of an ongoing effort to update and improve regulation.

The Council is committed to keeping its scheme contemporary and responsive to the community's needs. The scheme originally commenced in 2014, and the Council, with experience, considered that some parts could be streamlined.

The proposed Business Resilience Planning Scheme Amendment is now available for public consultation.

**This Information Sheet introduces the Council's proposed *Business Resilience* planning scheme amendment and explains how you can find out more and be involved.**

### TAKE A LOOK INSIDE:

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Submissions close  
4.30pm on Friday **18 October 2024**



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## WHAT CHANGES ARE PROPOSED

The amendment proposes a wide range of changes.

### Text Changes:

1. More types of development possible without needing Council approval under the planning scheme:
  - o more business and retail development in the Centre zone (i.e. in the six town centres);
  - o more community uses in the Community facilities zone;
  - o more industrial and storage uses in the Industry zone;
  - o small-scale eco-tourism and agri-tourism activities in the Rural zone;
2. Statements to encourage social and affordable accommodation;
3. A new Renewable energy facility code to give better direction to this emerging form of development;
4. Deleting Part 4 Priority infrastructure plan;
5. Section 1.6 Building work regulated under the planning scheme amended to follow the State's "Integrating building work in planning schemes" guideline (2021) – and codes such as Dual occupancy code and Dwelling house code accordingly amended;
6. The use definitions have been replaced with the regulated definitions from the *Planning Regulation 2017*;
7. Made a comprehensive refresh of the administrative definitions;
8. Minor or administrative amendments to improve formatting and readability.

### Zoning and Other Maps:

1. The only zoning changes are to some publicly-controlled land to give flexibility for changes or expansion of the uses – libraries, depots, cemeteries etc – most land to be in the Community facilities zone.
2. The mapping associated with Part 4 - Priority Infrastructure Plan is to be removed.

## WHAT IS NOT CHANGING

The amendment does not change:

- Protections for identified Agricultural land classification Class A and Class B land;
- The minimum lot sizes for different zones;
- The policy of sustainability or protecting the natural environment – expressed in the Strategic Framework and overlay codes.

### MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE AMENDMENT

A list of the changes is available in a separate document by scanning the QR Code on the first page, or visiting: [northburnett.qld.gov.au/business-resilience-amendment](https://northburnett.qld.gov.au/business-resilience-amendment)

## WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

- Consultation will close, 4.30pm on Friday, 18 October 2024.
- Council considers submissions and proposes changes.
- Council submits the results of the consultation and the proposed scheme amendment, with the changes, to the Minister requesting approval.
- Minister approves.
- Government Gazette of the amended scheme.



## WHY IS COUNCIL CONSULTING?



Engaging the community through public consultation is a vital step in the process. The Council aims to enhance and refine the existing scheme and the amendment by actively seeking input and feedback. There's a sincere expectation that, based on community comments, the Council will create an improved and more effective plan. The mandatory Statewide Process requires the Council to notify for at least 20 business days – in this case, from Monday, 9 September 2024, until Friday, 18 October 2024.

**Submissions can only be made during this period.**

### The Planning Scheme Amendment process is a statewide system

**1. State Interest Review**

**2. Public Consultation open from 9 September - 18 October 2024**

**3. Ministerial Approval & Council Adoption**

### FIND OUT MORE

The proposed Business Resilience Planning Scheme Amendment can be viewed and downloaded during the consultation period. A copy can be inspected and purchased at any Customer Service and Library Centre. For further information about the proposed amendments, phone, email or enquire at any Customer Service and Library Centre.

### OTHER WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

You may be interested in meeting with Council representatives. Discussions about the proposed amendment may be online, via phone, or in person.

### OTHER INFORMATION SHEETS

- FAQs
- More details about the scheme changes
- Assessable development
- Regulated land use definitions
- Making a submission



**CONSULTATION PERIOD:  
9 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 18 OCTOBER 2024**

## HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION

Any person may make a written submission to the Council about any aspect of the proposed amendment. For a submission to be 'properly made', it must:

- be made in **writing** (including by electronic means)
- include the **full name and address** (business or residential) of each person making the submission
- state a **postal or electronic address** for return correspondence
- be **signed** by each person making the submission (unless made electronically)
- be made to **North Burnett Regional Council**
- be received by Council no later than **4.30pm on Friday, 18 October 2024**; and
- include the **reasons** for the submission, **facts and circumstances**.

**These are Statewide legislative requirements.**

### ALSO IN THE 'PIPELINE'

As per the *Planning Act 2016*, the Council must carry out a planning scheme review in late 2024. As a result, there may be further revisions, which will be discussed through separate community involvement.

### FACILITATING GOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We have a long and proud history of development, prosperity and resilience. With readiness we also face challenges including distance, drought, flood and connectivity. Always receptive to new technology and new ideas, as the digital revolution continues to disrupt and expand economies around the world, North Burnett is gearing up to make the most of emerging opportunities. The Council is committed to drive ongoing economic growth and innovation in the North Burnett. It aims to be an innovation leader – a destination for business, investment and skills.



### Contact Us

Call us for more information about the planning scheme and the proposed amendment.

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