

RECOMMENDATIONS



Rural Landscape • Kurmond

7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSION

Based on the detailed evaluation of environmental and landscape constraints in the Kurmond and Kurrajong Investigation Area, in particular when integrated with landscape character assessment and scenic management, it is suggested that there are very limited opportunities for significant additional residential development that would not significantly alter the landscape character of the area. In particular, small lot sizes as low as 2,000m² are not considered appropriate for this area.

APPROACH AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To address these issues the following chronology of actions are recommended.

Know what we have

- Document and publicise the area's environmental values, constraints and opportunities
- Document the area's landscape character
- Record and publicise the area's key views and vistas
- Document the most significant trees in the area

Conserve what we value

- Integrate conservation of critical elements into planning controls (views, habitat, trees, heritage items etc)
- Establish development controls that are foremost landscape-oriented
- Clearly define boundaries between rural areas and village centres

Focus our Objectives

- Align objectives, criteria and controls
- Be clear on the target audience - residents, business, tourists
- Ensure private interests serve public good eg views
- Ensure the approvals process adopts objectives as the priority

Enlist our stakeholders

- Invite community to document specific values eg favourite views
- Maintain contact with the Department of Planning & Environment on proposed planning control updates
- Liaise with RMS on roadside landscape management
- Ask developers to test controls before adoption

IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES



View from Kurrajong Village • Kurrajong

8.0 NEXT STEPS

Based on this study it is suggested that the critical next steps to progress the study's recommendations would be as follows:

- Complete landscape character study and establish related controls (see appendix 6 for example controls)
- Pursue consolidation of rural zoning (potentially R5 Large Lot Residential)
- Update controls on rural lot sizes
- Engage stakeholders in urban design upgrade concepts for the two villages
- Establish relevance of outcomes to other rural areas of the council

Finally, it is suggested that the approach adopted in this study could be readily applied to all rural areas in the Hawkesbury LGA.



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