



# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

## **ENCLOSURES**

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31 January 2022

NSW Agriculture Commissioner  
Locked Bag 21, Orange NSW 2800

### Submission – State Significant Agricultural Lands Map

Kiama Municipal Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to work collaboratively with the Department on the State Significant Agricultural Land (SSAL) Map.

Council are generally supportive of the proposed SSAL Map, however some anomalies have been identified and further clarification is needed.

The following comments and concerns are provided for consideration:

#### 1. Legal weight of map

It is noted that:

*It is intended that the draft SSAL map will provide information to planning authorities, land holders and development proponents about the location of the best agricultural land in the state.*

Council wishes to understand what legal weight the SSAL map will have. The draft SSAL map, or supporting material, does not indicate if consideration of the SSAL map will be necessary when determining a Development Application or processing a Planning Proposal.

Is it intended for the SSAL Map to be referenced in the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2011* or Ministerial Directions, issued under Section 9.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

#### 2. Mapping anomalies

There are some areas that have been mapped as state significant agricultural land that should not be listed. These include:

- i. Lot 1 DP 1106703 – 19 Victoria Street, Gerringong  
This site is too small, being approximately 1 Hectare in size, to be utilised for state significant agricultural land. Additionally, this area is currently zoned C2 Environmental Conservation under the provisions of the *Kiama Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011*. It is in an urban area and bounds industrial and residential development. It does not appear to warrant listing.



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- ii. Gerroa sand Mine – This site is currently utilised as extractive industries and therefore should not be classified as state significant agricultural land.



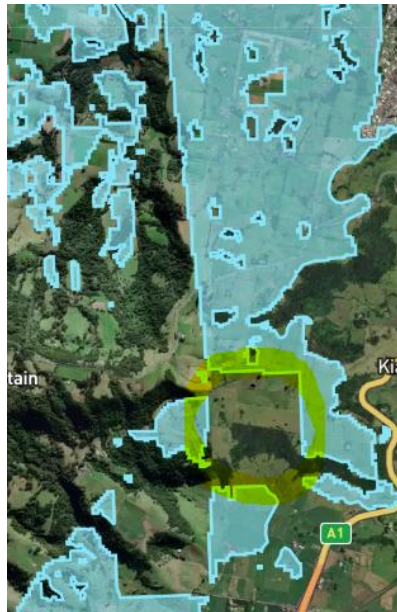
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- iii. Jamberoo Golf Course – 21 Allowrie Street, Jamberoo – While this site is zoned RU1 Primary Production, and sits within the Minnamurra River floodplain, it is currently used as a golf course.



3. Agricultural Land Boundaries

In some areas the polygons have straight boundary lines, as per below, which seem inappropriate. In particular, the circled area shows an odd boundary line which leaves out pastures immediately adjacent. How was the decision made on what areas will be included and where lot boundaries will go (i.e why one side of the fence is mapped and the other is not)?



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While Council are aware of the Department's State Agricultural Land Map programs we are disappointed with the timing of this exhibition period. The draft SSAL map was placed on exhibition four days before the commencement of the NSW Local Government caretaker period and closed before the first ordinary meeting of the new Council. This has left very little time for new Councillors to be informed of the proposed changes.

Should you have any further enquiries in regard to this matter please contact Edward Paterson on 4232 0444.

Yours faithfully



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