

# AW/1770 Regional Community Consultation

## Outcome Summary:

### Community Consultation for input into Gladstone Regional Council's Planning Scheme Review



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# CONSULTATION PROCESS

**4 x 3hr workshops** (November & December 2023)

**Delivered to 4 communities** (Agnes Water, 1770, Captain Creek & Baffle Creek)

## **Consultation focused on:**

1. Zoning & Industry
2. Open Spaces, (corridors, street trees & parks)
3. Town Centre (design & function)
4. Infrastructure & Essential Services
5. Access Ways (road, pedestrian & cycle)
6. Aesthetics (buildings & streetscapes)
7. Culture & Community



# CONSULTATION PROCESS

1. **68 community members** attended the 4 workshops
2. An online survey provided an **additional 45 responses**
3. **A total of 113 community members** contributed to the consultation
4. **The final report** was presented to GRC & Real Planning staff on 22 February
5. **Objectives:**
  - ✓ Introduce community to the planning process, and gather detailed views about current issues and priorities for Agnes Water region townships.
  - ✓ For community to participate in developing a future vision for the area.
  - ✓ Provide clear and solid recommendations to GRC.



# FEEDBACK SUMMARY

1. **Separate/reviewed local area planning** (aligned to coastal/rural planning)
2. **Strong desire to maintain a "village feel" in all our townships** (interconnected, mixed-use zoning, limiting residential population, pre-planned wildlife corridors and public-resourced natural areas that are disability, pedestrian & recycle friendly)
3. **Stricter rules on residential zoning** (block size, building design (eco) and height regulation, discourage heavy industry and large-scale/high-density residential and commercial developments)
4. **Urgent address and upgrade of public services** (water security, desal, sewerage, connectivity, in accordance with projected demand driven by population increases and developments)



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- 5. Improved standards of new roads/road infrastructure** (water drainage/diversion for Captain Creek and Baffle Creek-Deepwater, with greater consideration of environmental conditions, emergency and commercial access in their design)
- 6. Additional Commercial infrastructure** (public services, new business/ecotourism)
- 7. Additional Community infrastructure** (community engagement & tourism)
- 8. Stronger environmental protection** (inappropriate development, negative impacts of tourism and heavy industry, environmental management and protection of Agnes Water-Seventeen Seventy, in balance with public use and tourism)



# RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

1. **Develop future Structural Plans aligned to the following categories:**
  - Coastal
  - Rural
  - Commercial/Industrial
2. Use a **strategic approach in working with southern townships** in matters of local and regional planning.
3. Support continued consultation and other mechanisms that **encourage community to engage in local planning.**
4. Long-term strategies for **environmental protection, population management and essential services/infrastructure.**



# CONTACTS & QUESTIONS

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