

February 2026 Update

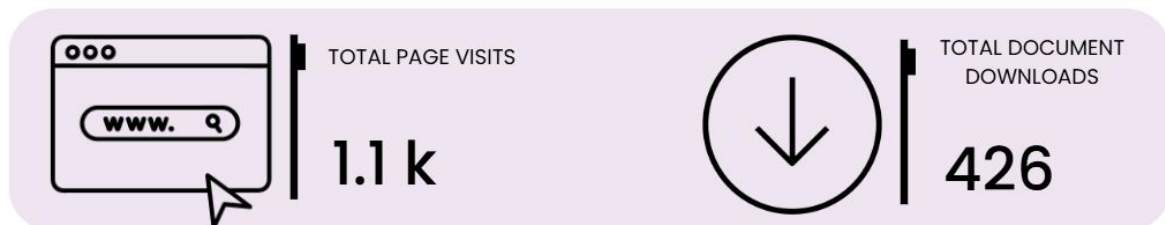
Council wishes to thank local industry stakeholders, community groups and individuals in the wider community for your interest and engagement with the Kempsey Development Control Plan (DCP) project, particularly throughout the recently completed public exhibition period for the draft DCP document.

We engaged with a wide range of stakeholders, including industry representatives, professionals, local developers, business owners and community groups. Councillor briefings were delivered prior to Christmas 2025. In January 2026, we also hosted a well-attended Business Breakfast to outline the draft DCP, explain the exhibition process, and discuss broader Shire wide development matters along with Council's ongoing planning, development, infrastructure, and environmental initiatives. Thank you again to those who have been involved.

Data Received

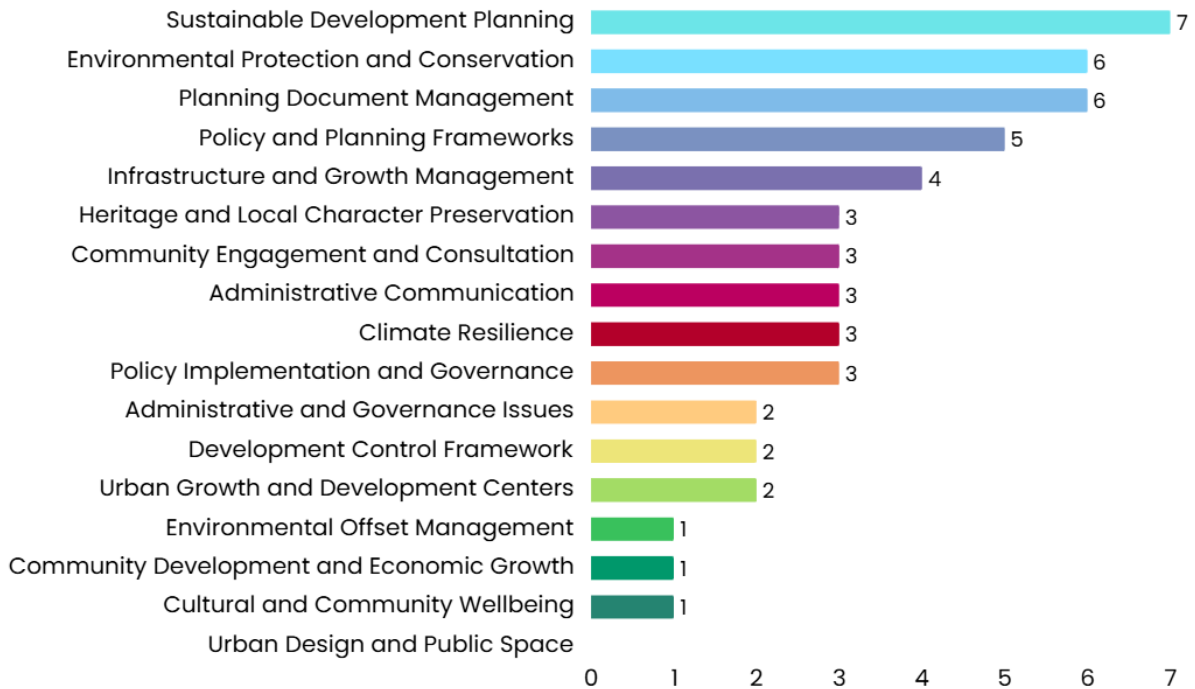
The Kempsey DCP project page on Your Say Macleay received over one thousand visits during the exhibition period, and over four hundred copies of the draft DCP were downloaded. Council acknowledges and appreciates all comments and submissions received during the public exhibition, which ran from 18 December 2025 to 10 February 2026. This exhibition period has now closed, and the project will move into its final stage.

Page Visits and Downloads



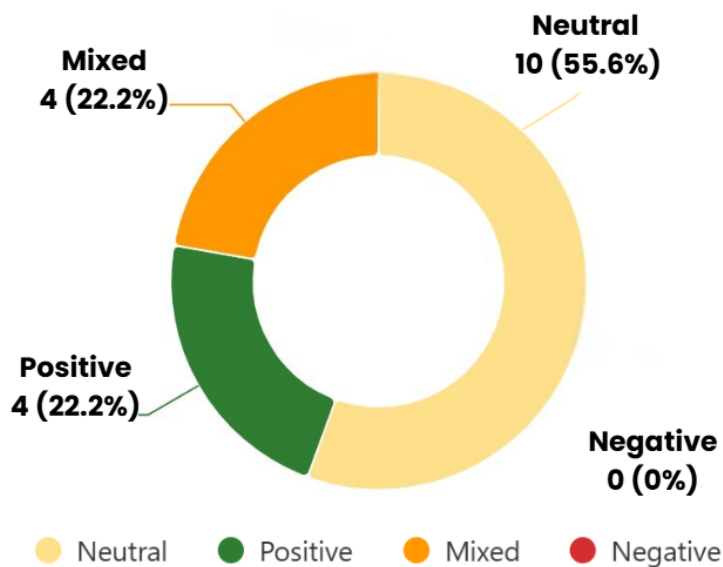
*During the exhibition period, 18 December 2025 to 10 February 2026.

Themes raised



*Shows how many contributions are associated with each theme

Overall Sentiment



*No submissions expressed an overall negative sentiment.

What this tells us
Most participants offered a neutral position on the draft plan.

Neutral responses mainly reflected participants who were generally engaged constructively, offering questions and considerations, rather than opposition.

The remaining feedback was evenly split between positive and mixed views

We will continue to review all feedback and submissions to consider the suggestions raised and identify where the draft DCP may benefit from amendment. Updates on the project's progress will continue to be shared through the DCP Your Say Macleay page here, as we work towards finalising the DCP revision during the first half of 2026.

Overview of progressing the Kempsey Development Control Plan (DCP)

Since conducting a series of community publicity, discussion and workshops Council have been developing a revised Development Control Plan document to address the issues, gaps and outdated regulation that were identified with the current aging (DCP 2013) document. As a result of this significant work, a substantially reorganised draft DCP has been developed to provide a streamlined document. This guide is to assist; advocates, professionals, businesses, property owners and Council — follow clear, step-by-step processes for all parts of local development that need to be considered when applying for development approval. This document has now been approved for public exhibition following the December 2025 Council Meeting.

Local participation

We appreciate the interest and comments from various stakeholders and community members to date, and the substantial discussion and workshopping of the draft DCP undertaken across Council's specialist teams including Development Assessment, Building Services, Engineering Design, Water and Sewer, Heritage and others has helped to shape and review the draft document.