



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Update – Reclassification of Council owned land

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure NSW has made a legal amendment to the Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012 to reclassify 232 Council owned lots from community land to operational land.

A report on this matter was presented to the June Council meeting.

This brings to a close what has been a long-standing matter.

Council with the assistance of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure NSW started the planning proposal process in May 2022, to reclassify the 232 Council owned lots.

As part of the process there was a statutory requirement for the exhibition of the planning proposal for a minimum of 28 days and a public hearing. Council prepared a report on the outcome of the public hearing and there were no submissions received.

The council owned community land that has been reclassified does not include public reserves or parks.

The community land reclassified as operational land is for council depots, sewerage and water treatment plants, water storage, multi dwelling housing, council offices, a caravan park and residential lots. The reclassification rectifies past issues with council owned land such as the council depot and water treatment infrastructure being classified community land, where the land was operational land.

The residential lots that council obtained for non-payment of rates is now classified as operational land. This enables the residential land to be used for residential purposes.

At the Council meeting the General Manager told the Council that over time there has been various expressions of interest by private developers looking to purchase land. Now that the land reclassification has been finalized a list will be compiled of land which could be sold and a report on this will come to the Council in the coming months.

The need to identify land areas in Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe for new housing development is highlighted in community plan documents. There is a need to ensure the Local Environment Plan is developed to reflect local housing needs and this land reclassification is an important step in the process.

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