



# CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL

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Media Release

## **Public Hearing - Planning Proposal to reclassify Council owned land**

A Public Hearing will be held in November about the proposal to reclassify 232 Council owned properties from Community to Operational land.

The reason for the amendment is that the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012* was made with several Council owned sites incorrectly classified. Also, over time, Council acquired properties due to unpaid rates, which were automatically classified as community land as Council, at the time, did not resolve to classify them within three months of their acquisition.

Council has obligations under the *Local Government Act* when land is classified as Community land. All the sites proposed to be reclassified do not meet the *Local Government Act* criteria for Community land.

In September this year Council received advice from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment that the proposed amendment should proceed subject to meeting certain requirements. The department also determined that Council is not authorised to be the local plan-making authority for this proposal due to its limited resources to complete the process.

The public hearing will be held at the Council Chambers in Wilcannia and televised to the Council offices in Menindee and Ivanhoe. Residents in White Cliffs and other areas of the Shire are encouraged to attend their nearest centre.

**Public Hearing - Date/Time:** Tuesday, November 21. Starting at 6pm.

**Location:** Council Chambers, Wilcannia.

Televised to: Menindee RTC meeting room and Ivanhoe MSO meeting room.

The proposed amendment to the *Central Darling Local Environmental Plan 2012*, to reclassify the Council properties across the Council local government area, is on exhibition until October 26. However, **public submissions** will be received up until the start of the public hearing. Submissions must be made in writing to:

The General Manager, Central Darling Shire Council, PO Box 165, Wilcannia NSW 2836

Or by email to: [council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions will not be accepted via social media.

Ends.

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