

PLANNING PROPOSAL – RURAL RESIDENTIAL STRATEGY

AMENDED - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why has Council decided to allow rural residential subdivision in the Walgett Shire

Answer: Council has not decided to allow rural subdivision, only to seek public comment regarding the four areas identified in the rural residential strategy. Council will be guided in its consideration by the relevant legislation and submissions from the public.

2. I understand that three areas in Lightning Ridge and one in Walgett could be impacted, but can you explain how this has happened?

Answer: Following a detailed review of environment and planning restrictions four land areas have been identified by the consultants as potentially suitable for rural residential subdivision.

3. What does it mean for these areas of land - what are their current status/use and what is it proposed to occur?

Answer: The areas are currently zoned for agricultural use and a minimum subdivision lot size of 400 Ha. The potential change to the zoning would allow a minimum 5Ha to 10Ha lot size.

4. The planning reports and documentation seem unnecessarily complex.

Answer: The planning documents and explanative material are complex, but the reader will be rewarded with a better understanding of the proposal and the process for considering amendments.

5. Can you give me some information about the discussion around changing the decision-making processes for land development.

Answer: There is no change to the decision-making process. Council only resolved to exhibit the consultant's report which contains an analysis of land suitable for rural residential development.

6. Does Council intend to proceed with the proposed Rural Residential Subdivisions?

Answer: The planning proposals do not reflect any decision or intent by Walgett Shire Council. Council will fully consider the proposals following public exhibition.

7. How do I make a submission regarding the proposed planning proposal?

Answer: Council's community consultation program allows a period of 28 days for receipt of submissions and outlines the requirements for making a submission.