



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST:

Sustainable Development Services Department Focus Group Register

Kempsey Shire Council's Department of Sustainable Development Services invites Shire residents to register as individuals and representatives of groups and organizations for potential membership in its Department of Sustainable Development Services Community Focus Group. The purpose of the Focus Group will be to provide preliminary feedback and representative consultation during the creation of Strategic Plans for the Shire. In particular, interest is sought from individuals and groups to form a focus group for the Review of Kempsey Shire Council's Residential Land Release Strategy.

Once the level of community interest is gauged, Council will select Focus Group members from the general interest register for particular projects. There will also be other plans undertaken in the future when there will be independent calls for Expressions of Interest.

The goals of the selection process will be to assemble a focus group that represents a broad cross-section of our community and to draw on the community's relevant interests and diverse skills so that the Focus Group functions to serve the best interests of the whole community.

The closing date is 26 October 2007.

Focus Group

The Department of Sustainable Development Services (SDS) focus group shall;

- Provide means of opening up genuine dialogue and sharing of ideas between SDS and the Community.
- Meet twice in the planning process before a draft plan or strategy is distributed to Councillors or put on public exhibition, and as such will play a major role in the initial planning stage and the first stage of draft plan review.
- Be assembled so that attitudes and opinions are gathered from a range of different people and a broad cross-section of our community.
- Be of membership adopted by Council in public forum.

Central Consultation Register (CCR)

The Central Consultation Register (CCR) is open to every resident in the shire and is a register from which different people can be invited to participate in focus groups conducted from time to time to help Council better



understand particular attitudes and opinions on particular issues.

Information forms for the CCR are available at the Customer First Centre, Kempsey Shire Library and its branches, and online at Council's website.

General Conditions

Listing of any respondent within the focus group register does not constitute a guarantee or expectation from either the respondent or Council that any subsequent consultation or participation activity will necessarily follow.

Council reserves the right to vary listings, and memberships and Forms of Registration at any time.

Council's decisions in relation to focus group listings and membership are made in good faith and without prejudice, based on Council staff and certain other Departmental Staff considerations of respondents' disclosures in the context of the need for, amongst other things, a representative and credentialed forum.

In registrations of interest, respondents are deemed to agree that no correspondence will be entered into in this regard.

No payments will be made in respect of any or all persons Listed within the Focus Group Directory or participation in any particular focus group.

Registration Forms are available at:
Council's Customer First Centre
 Tozer Street, West Kempsey
 Phone 02 6566 3200
 Council's Website at www.kempsey.nsw.gov.au under Expressions of Interest.