

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT PLAN

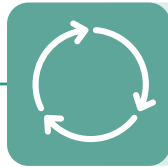
A SUMMARY

Coffs Harbour City Council's Community Participation and Engagement Plan explains why, when and how you can engage in Council's decision making processes. Council shares the community's passion and pride in the Coffs Harbour area and we are committed to working together to celebrate our lifestyle and preserve our natural environment. Our decisions will become more aligned to our community's aspirations as we continue to learn and grow together.

WHAT IS IN OUR PLAN?

A lot of useful information to help better understand how Council includes the community in decision making.

You can find the full document online at [Council's website](#).



Our approach to community engagement



Overarching frameworks and legislation that guides us



How you can participate in decisions that we are making including: plan making, land use and environmental planning and development applications



When and where you will become aware of decisions that we are collecting community input on



How long we open for community input prior to a decision being made



How to stay in the loop on decisions that we are making



How to provide feedback on something that is not open for formal submissions



Please contact us to discuss your needs if you would like help to access or better understand the document. Contact us at 02 6648 4000 and coffs.council@chcc.nsw.gov.au or in person at Council's Administration Building or library branches.





OUR PARTICIPATION & PLANNING PRINCIPLES

Our Principles provide a foundation for how we endeavour to do things so you know what to expect from us.



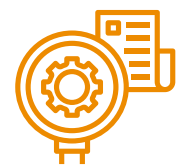
Social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights



Timely for everyone including the most vulnerable



Transparent, accountable and proactive



Genuinely considers feedback from community members who are affected by or interested in decision that they can influence

Coffs Harbour City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Gumbaynggirr people, who have cared for this land since time immemorial. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to future with reconciliation and renewal at its heart.